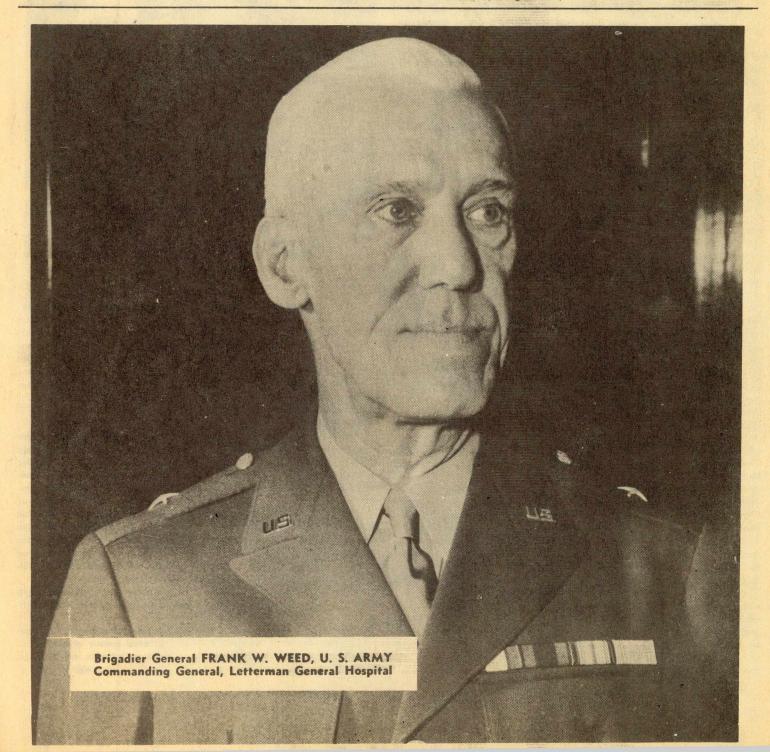


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Star of Brigadier General Awarded To Colonel Weed

The silver stars, denoting the rank of Brigadier general, were pinned on the shoulder loops of the uniform blouse of our commanding officer on Tuesday morning of this week when the oath of office was administered to Colonel Frank W. Weed by the Adjutant, Capt. Frank R. Day, and he became Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, U. S. Army, with rank from July 25, 1942. General Weed was notified of his nomination for promotion just a week ago.

The promotion of General Weed continues Letterman General Hospital as a general officer's command. His immediate predecessors, General Wallace DeWitt and General Roger Brooke, also held the rank of brigadier general while in command of the hospital.

Night High School Classes Open To Our Soldiers

The Fall term of the Galileo Evening High School (Francisco Street between Van Ness Avenue and Polk Street) opens August 31st. Classes begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of each week. During the Fall term the following classes will be offered:

Aeronautics, Americanization, Astronomy, Auto Mechanics, Bookkeeping, Business English and Spelling, Calculating Machines, Ceramics, Dictation (Int. and Rapid), Drawing, Design, and Commercial Art, Dressmaking, English, Gas Engines, Gregg Shorthand (Beg. and Int.), Harmony, Machine Shop, Mathematics (Arth., Alg., Geom., Trig.), Mathematics (Refresher Course), Mechanical Drawing and Blueprint Reading, Mill Cabinet, Music History, Nutrition, Opera, Orchestra, PBX Machines, Photography (Beg. and Adv.), Physical Education (Men), Games, Fencing, Boxing, Parallel Bars, Tumbling, Physical Education (Women), Badminton, Spanish (Beg., Int., Adv.), Typing, Woodword ann Pattern Shop.

The San Francisco Public Schools offer an opportunity to continue schooling or prepare for definite positions without expense. The text books used in the courses are loaned and towels for showers in the gymnasiums are furnished without cost. money.

GUNS AND SHELLS

America never drew its shades or doused its lights. Airplanes overhead caused no concern. The seas were free, the skies untroubled.

America had no interest in hurling projectiles as high as the substratosphere, no need to pierce armor pate three inches thick, no reason to bring down targets streaking overhead at 300 m.p.h.

But, as war came close to its shores, America suddenly found that it had to have guns-guns to mount on ships, guns to bristle from tanks, guns to fit into wings of warplanes. Only a few Army and Navy arsenals stood as sources of supply.

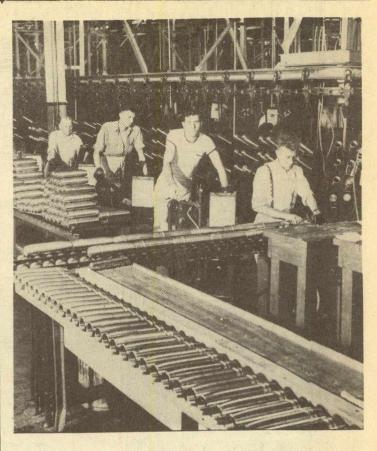
It was necessary to create a new industry, one capable of producing guns and shells in quantity.

So the industry that symbolized to the world the American way of life -the one that had become the leading exponent of mass productionturned its talents to supplying these weapons of mass destruction.

When the automotive companies first undertook gun and shell contracts, most of their personnel had never even seen these products in modern versions. Many such weapons and projectiles, in fact, had never been produced in this country. Of others, only a few had been turned out experimentally in government arsenals.

Orders given the automotive plants called for such arms as Browning and Browning-Colt machine guns of several types and calibers, Oerlikon and Boors anti-aircraft cannon, Hispano-Suiza automatic aircraft cannon, tank and field artillery pieces, carbines, and for a variety of breech blocks and housing, recoil mechanisms and gun carriages. They called for ammunition ranging from .30 caliber cartridge cases to 155 mm. shells and including nearly all sizes and types of projectiles, as well as bombs and torpedoes. Fuzes. bullet cores and shot also were wanted in ever increasing quantities as the United States began to supply the United Nations.

The situation called for talent and ingenuity. The automotive engineers, bringing fresh viewpoints to the job, saw immediately that existing practices could be improved upon. Collaborating with ordnance officials, they introduced innovations in manufacturing methods which permitted astounding savings of time and



Shells by the millions move on automatic conveyors.

Typically, the first of the auto- by a leading British armaments makmotive companies to enter shell production quickly turned to an automotive technique for handling the job. The company, proving its idea to be workable, readily obtained the barrel could be broached inconsent to use the upset-forge pro- stead of processed by traditional cess instead of the traditional pierce rifling methods. This cut the manuand draw method. After tooling up facturing time for this part to 15 to produce one million large shells, minutes from 31/2 hours. the company was able to turn out its second million shells in 55 days and its third million in 35 days. Subsequently it clipped additional days progressively from the time requirement.

A parts plant of one automotive company worked out new manufacturing methods with ordnance engineers and cut 25% from the time originally required to make machine

A passenger car producer, getting an anti-aircraft gun of foreign design into production seven months after receipt of the order, cut four months from the time required by the company that invented the gun and eighty days from the time used

er. That record won the company the Navy "E" award. Time and cost were saved when the military endorsed the company's suggestion that

A parts firm developed equipment that turns out 20 to 30 times as many machine gun components as regular arsenal machinery, operating alongside it, can handle. The same company, working with ordnance and steel company engineers, perfected a specially designed shape of high alloy steel from which to process barrels. The forged shapes, weighing 47 pounds each, replaced 65 lb. billets of steel rod stock.

The savings to the nation include time, materials, money and man-

Comprising in aggregate the nation's greatest source of supply for motive manufacturers of gun and

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MORE ABOUT GUNS AND SHELLS FROM AUTO INDUSTRY

(Continued from page two) many ordnance needs, the autoindustry generally started production on most contracts in late 1940 or early 1941. Some were operating ordnance divisions at or close to top capacity of facilities by late last year. Others had just received their first orders from the government. The fateful events of December 7, of course, brought sudden, imperative needs for vastly increased production.

Virtually overnight, new schedules were released to more than a score of plants that had been doing ordnance work, or were tooling to do it, or had just received contracts. The new orders called for from two to ten times as many guns and shells daily as original contracts had specified.

How the tempo increased can be gleaned from the orders shipped through the Detroit District Ordnance office which embraces Army production in Michigan plants.

In January, last year the number of orders shipped totaled just 29. By January, 1942, the Army orders shipped rose to 1,402. In April of this year the total climbed to 1,850. And, watching the rate rise to 2,200 in May, Army Ordnance offivers in charge of the supply division freely predicted that "the current rate of shipments will be doubled or tripled in June and July."

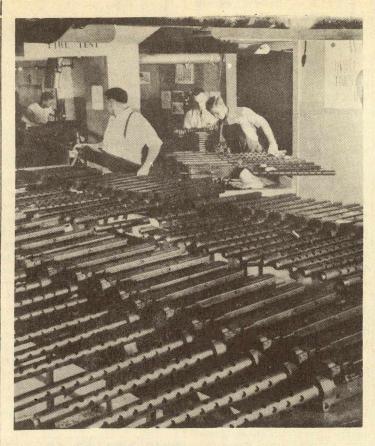
A review of what the automotive companies achieved before and after Pearl Harbor reveals progress of incredible proportions.

In the Fall of 1939 an automotive company successfully bid on an order for less than 50,000 trench mortar shells.

Starting with this nominal order for shells, the company within eight months became one of the largest suppliers of shells to the Army, Reconditioning discarded machinery and converting automotive machines as it went along, by December of 1939 the company had orders for two months ahead of schedule, and slightly less than 200,000 shells of several sizes and types.

men engaged in this production and in other war work than it ever employed during peacetime.

Awarded its first contract for anti-



Machine guns are produced by the Thousands.

aircraft guns in early 1841, a pas- | gun mounts for tank installation and exceeding by 30 times the schedule originally planed. Still further increases are anticipated in future

A peacetime producer of shock absorbers, bumpers and other miscellaneous parts started machine gun manufacture in early 1941 - five months after receiving the contract, well in advance of the completion of its new arsenal's tooling. Since Pearl chines. Money, too, is being saved, Carload shipments were moving Harbor, size of its original order out of its plants during the following has been increased eight times and tion's war bill. March. By July-still in 1940-it was the scheduled peak of production for well on the way to turning out the existing plant has been doubled. 2,000,000 shells. Now it has more Employment on this job has been increased 50% since early December and it will be jumped another 50% by mid-summer.

senger car company completed the a heater company is turning out first unit 180 days later. Straight machine gun tripods. A brake plant line production was under way 30 has been making fuzes. A stamping days after that. Within a year, ship- shop is turning out anti-tank mines. ments were running ahead of origi- A gasoline guage producer is making nal contractual requirements by trench mortar shells. Bomb fins are 1,000 %. Deliveries now are at a rate the principal product of another automotive company.

> An outpouring of the tools of war, the magnitude of which the world has never seen before, is coming from America's No. 1 arsenal, the automotive industry. And huge quantities of material are now being produced with unexpected savings.

Most important in the life-anddeath economics of warfare are the savings of men, materials and macutting down on the cost of the na-

The automotive industry's ingrained second nature-acquired in the world's most competitive business in peacetime-retained its old force as the automotive companies discarded competition for coopera-An appliance factory is producing tion for the duration. The resultant on the fighting fronts,"

Speed Is Waiting When Real Speed Is Wanted

A record of speedy delivery of vital naval equipment to the other side of the world is announced by officials of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York.

At 6 p. m. on a recent Thursday a G. E. factory in the east received a rush order for equipment required by an American warship near Australia.

As many employees as could be efficiently employed on the task worked all that night and all the next day and night to assemble the equipment.

Escorted by motorcycle police, it was speeded to an airport and flown to San Francisco, arriving on Sunday.

On Wednesday, six days after the order was received, a bombing plane landed the equipment at its destination, more than 10,00 miles from the factory where it was produced.

Many companies paint the working and non-working parts of a machine different colors, to set off dangerous areas. Tests show that the idea not only reduces errors and accidents, but steps up output as

efficiencies included some amazing savings. For example, an automatic cannon placed in production 18 months ago cost around \$1200 at that time. Within six months more than \$250 had been cut from cost, while today's price to the government is nearly 40% lower-the result of automotive mass production efficiency.

Another important ordnance item has had 43% of its cost saved through automotive technology. Machine guns, shells and other ordnance materials have undergone similar price reductions.

But the major value now is abundance, in time. In the application of this antidote to the poison of "too little, too late," the automotive ordnance manufacturers are meeting their industry's pledge, uttered just after Pearl Harbor, that:

"The nation will not lack for one gun, one tank, one engine that the capacity and ingenuity of this industry's producers can add to the forces of our nation and its friends

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

Congratulations

The promotion of our Commanding Officer to the rank of Brigadier General, which took place this week, is a cause for elation on the part of all components of the command.

It is only a matter of a few weeks since General Weed assumed command of Letterman General Hospital and in that brief period he has become acquainted with the personnel and all of the activities of the organization.

We are more than happy to be serving under General Weed's command and we hope that the feeling is mutual.

In extending the congratulations of the command to General Weed, we wish to add the assurance of our wholehearted cooperation in every endeavor connected with the hospital to the end that a high standard of efficiency will continue to be characteristic of Letterman General Hospital.

A Word to the Wise

The use of "You bet" instead of "Yes, Sir" on the part of some of the personnel of this hospital is not in keeping with the best traditions of military courtesy.

Offenders have been found among the officers, nurses, and enlisted men and it is a bad habit which should be corrected without delay.

The Commanding General does not approve the use.

A word to the wise is sufficient: Let's all be wise.

Radio engineers have developed a pocket radio receiver not much larger than the average notebook-six tal receiver which fits nto the ear. page of production.



Pvt. Charles Cuppins watching the passing parade on the corridor near

Pvt. Thomas Ironcloud, out of his room on D-1, and scouting the surrounding territory. A good Indian always knows his terrain.

Pvt. Ernest Haack, back from a furlough, and still of the opinion that Wisconsin cheese is better than any other including the Swiss. . . .

Mrs. Williams, the Post Librarian, with Mary's little lamb baker in cake form and in for some icing.

Sgt. John F. Dorton with the usual crowd of visitors around his bed on D-1. Such popularity must be deserved.

Captain George Potter, off on a trip doing the work of two officers and wondering what the union will have to say about it.

The chevrons of a Staff Sergeant on the sleeve of Ellis M. Yarnell, ace cameraman of the Signal Corps photo lab. And good looking.

The ladies in blue who lunch at the fountain side with maybe a crumb or two for the goldfish.

Miss Mary K. Cuppy, dropping her notes on the city desk, and taking flight. We should have written "note."

Captain Charles M. Taylor poking his head into the Record Room to ask Marion Ulrey if she had heard anything from "Slinky."

OUERY

A Second Lieutenant McHugh Met up with a lady named Sue She showed him the way

To promotion and-Say! I wonder if she'd help our Lou?

A war material manufacturer has developed a maintenance unit to cope with breakdowns if factories are bombed. Its two main purposes are inches high and about two inches to clear away debris and to act as thick. The minature set has a crys- a temporary unit to avert a stop-



Miss Nellie Frees has been granted leave of absence on account of sickness to recuperate from her recent operation.

Red Cross Classes In Home Nursing To Be Arranged

The Medical Department of the Army, in cooperation with the American Red Cross, is eager to safeguard the health of families of Army personnel through the teaching of classes in Red Cross Home Nursing.

The object of these classes is to prepare people to care for minor illnesses in the home and to cooper ate in sanitary, disease prevention, and nutritional programs as a public health service. The importance of such a program cannot be overemphasized.

The classes are sponsored by local Red Cross Chapters, but the Red Cross Army Auxiliary will have to be the motivating agency for extending the program and insuring its effectiveness.

THE ARMED FORCES

The Army announced an intensive recruiting campaign to enlist 100,-000 skilled mechanics and technicians for service in the Army air forces, the Signal Corps and the Ordnance Department, All applicants must be male U.S. citizens between the ages of 18 and 44, inclusive, and all must obtain clearance from their Selective Service Boards. The War Department said it will train dogs as sentries, messengers, pack dogs, airplane spotters and for other purposes. Army's Procurement agency and the dogs will be trained at the Quartermaster Reomunt Depot at Fort Royal, Virginia. The Department announced a reorganization of its various public relations units to eliminate the issuing of conflicting statements.

If there's a surplus of jeeps when the war is over, the little "battle buggies" may find wide use on U. S. farms. Tests now being made show the jeep has "great post-war possibilities," though its low gear is too fast for plowing and is chassis too low for some row-crop operations.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, August 23, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS

Jewish men in the armed forces who wish to attend Temple Services during the coming High Holy Days which include the New Year (Rosh Hashanah), which for the present year begins on Friday, September 11, at sundown, and continues until sundown of Sunday, September 13, and the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) which begins at sundown on Sunday, September 20, and continues until sundown of Monday, September 21, please get in touch with the Chaplain's Office which will make necessary arrangements for you through the Jewish Welfare Board.

The Stork Was Here

To 1st Lieut, and Mrs. Richard A. Greulich, SC, a son, Dennis Allan Greulich, born August 11, weight, six pounds, fifteen ounces.

To T/5Gr. and Mrs. Charles E. Enfield, "B" 216th CA(AA), a son, Edward Robert Enfield, born August 14, weight, seven pounds, six and one half ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. James W. Wilson, Hq 4th Army, Presido, San Francisco, a daughter, Alice Gene Wilson, born August 15, weight seven pounds, thirteen ounces. . . .

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Polasky, Hq 130 CA, a son, Paul Anthony Polasky, born August 17, weight eight pounds, nine and one half ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. William Fuller O'Brien, Parachute Troops, a daughter, Patricia Marie O'Brien, born August 18, weight six pounds, nine ounces.

A modern bomber is composed of more than 40,000 individual parts and requires 360,000 rivets.

ON THE SPOT



Cpl/Tech. PERCY L. BLACK

Another "On the Spot" patient from the dairy regions of the Great Lakes, Corporal Technician Percy L. Black, comes from Carlos, Minnesota where he was born June 13, 1919. The dairy farm of his family outside the city limits of Carlos was home right up until the time he began his active service with the Minnesota National Guard in February, 1941.

As a boy, Black, had made up his mind to become an electrical engineer. However, as so often happens, circumstances altered those plans when sickness and death in the Black family decreed that Percy quit school and go to work to help out financially. And work he did. "Just about every type of job he could get helped," said Black. The work was chiefly farm work and wood working.

When the National Guard was called to active duty, February 10, 1941, Black was sent with his outfit to a Coast Artillery station on he West Coast in the communications branch. And until his hospitalization three and a half months ago, Black was with this outfit.

Faced with the prospect of possible discharge from the service because of physical disability, Black is looking forward to completing his education in the electrical field. And, of course, being out of the service has other advantages as well. Black says that there are many lakes full of fish in his part of the country just waiting to be caught-not to speak of many, many types of wild life to be hunted. But if he remains in the service, so much the better. He feels he can continue to do his part in the war program and also pursue his studies with the communication units of the Army.

Cpl. Black enjoys a good reputation as a patient on Ward B-2. Anything but a "gold brick," report has

THE HANDY MAN ABOUT THE HOUSE CAN KEEP ELECTRIC CORDS IN USE

pliances; they are getting scarcer and scarcer, because the copper and rubber required to make them are being put into war materials.

So take good care of your cords and repair them at the first sign of wear, advises Mrs. Julian Kiene, head of the Westinghouse Home Economics Institute. She offers these suggestions to prolong their life:

"Remember that cords bruise easily. Don't let them get knotted or twisted and don't shove them into a drawer any-which-way. Continually bending a cord wears out the insulation and that leads to exposed wires and possible shock or to short rugs if you can avoid it. circuits and blown fuses.

"Instead, wrap the cord loosely around the appliance when it's not in use. But be sure to wait until the appliance is cool, for heat does as much harm to a cord as carelessness. Hang extra cords on a well-rounded hook or, if you put them in a drawer, coil them loosely and fasten them with a clip.

"Always connect a cord at the appliance end first and then at the wall

it that a more willing and cooperative patient could not be desired than Percy L. Black.

Electricity cords are precious these outlet. To disconect it, grasp the days for two reasons-they are nec- plug at the outlet. Never yank the essary for the use of lamps and ap- cord itself-that's a strain on the cord and it isn't safe, either.

> "Once a cord becomes frayed so that the wires are exposed, it should be repaired immediately by someone who knows how. You can learn with a little coaching. If only the covering of your cord is worn, wind friction tape around the work part. Never attempt to patch a broken plug-it should be replaced.

"Only rubber covered cords can be safely exposed to dampness or picked up with wet hands. Any other type should be thoroughly dry before you touch it.

"Don't run extension cords under

"Never nail extension cords to the wall or floor.

"Another warning-never use substitutes for fuses. They are safety devices to warn you when something is wrong and make-shifts don't give you this protection. Before replacing a fuse, find out what the trouble is. It may be an overloaded circuit, defective wiring or a short circuit. Whatever it is, rectify it first and then replace the fuse. Whenever you do replace a fuse, be sure to use the correct size-and stand on a board, a wooden chair or ladder, not George changed from Dental Supon a cement floor, a damp wooden floor or the ground."

BUCK OF THE WEEK



GEORGE E. MOREY Private, Medical Dept.

Pvt. George E. Morey is a very lucky lad to be stationed at Letterman General Hospital, for his home town is San Francisco. He has lived his full 21 years in the Mission District of the above town, and therefore isn't very anxious to leave this post.

He attended Saint Peter's Boys School, from which he graduated in June of 1939. While there, although his grades were average, or maybe a little above, his main interest was in athletics, especially baseball. He was captain of the "nine" in both his junior and senior years.

Upon his graduation from high school, he was employed by a Dental Gold Co., for whom he worked two years. When this company discontinued its San Francisco Branch, plies to Banking; his new employer being the Anglo-California National Bank. He enjoyed his stay at the Anglo Bank very much, and has hopes of returning there, to continue in the banking business, when this "mess" is over.

Private Morey knowing that he was to be drafted within a few weeks, thought it would be wise to enlist, which he did on June 30, 1942. He was inducted at 444 Market Street, San Francisco, and was sent directly to Letterman Hospital to receive his basic training. His first assignment was to work at the Dental Annex, room where he was transferred to the Chaplain's Office. His main ambition at the moment is to eventually go to Officers Candidate

Two farmers were discussing the damage done to their hay crop by drought.

."Mine was so short," said one, "it was hardly worth cutting."

"You should have seen mine," said the other. "I had to lather it to mow

SLEEPING SICKNESS



Congratulations are in order for the following men: Roland V. Caisse, Noel Anderson, James F. Shumaker, Arlie B. Glassner, Hilbert E. Eslinger and Stanley I. Shore appointed Sergeants; Doniphan E. Winfrey, appointed Technician Fourth Grade; John R. Miller, Edward Blythin and Charley R. Schleider appointed Corporals; Arthur B. Cravens, Edwin W. Goehring, Roy L. Harder and Ernest R. Williams appointed Technicians Fifth Grade; and Oren A. Fuller, Robert B. Glidden, Frank Halloch, Theodore F. Morrow. Charles W. Payton and Clarence L. Scheidt appointed Private First Class.

Welcome to: Private Edward A. Childgren and Private Ines F. Singson who joined this station during the week.

Good luck and success to Sergeants Robert L. Mathers and Albert Yaverbaum who reported for duty at Officers' Candidate School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

INTERESTIN TO SEE:

Corporal William H. McDonald off the sick list and once more back on duty.

1st Sgt. Galvin D. Williams cooking his own meals while Mrs. Williams visits her family on the eastern coast.

Sgt. Verdean J. Herboldt proudly showing his baby daughter to Detachment members.

Cpl. Moon J. Lee taking his regular lunch hour nap in the E & R office.

Cpls. Edward Blythin and Alexander Kuzinoshi taking advantage of the Hospitality House on "nites off" to squire two very attractive misses.

Bowling team heavy-eyed after a 3:00 a.m. session with the Ice Follies bowling team.

Former Pvt. Walter J. Boise, Jr., now S/Sgt. Pilot, A.C., visiting new set of golf clubs to go with a terman Hospital and hope she will friends.

MISS MARY RODDY BRINGS WIDE EXPERIENCE WITH HER TO LGH



Miss MARY RODDY, A. B., A. M. Our most recent asset on the Social Service staff of the American Red Cross assigned to Letterman Hospital.

Cross Social Service unit at Letterman General Hospital on July 16th, and was welcomed as a very competent as well as attractive addition to the staff.

Miss Roddy was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and completed her high school education there, but moved to South Bend, Indiana, to attend St. Mary's College. Early manifestation of her interest in social service was shown by the volunteer work she did during her days in college. Carrying on this interest after graduation, she joined the San Francisco State Relief Administration in 1936

Cpl. Ralph Mason winning a spot in the "Hoodoo ring" of the Hole-in-One contest held in the city. Sgt. Paul Mottier-take care!! . . .

Sgt. Merle C. West practicing for the Lafayette Horse Show to be held August 29-30.

S/Sgt. Thomas R. Bell sporting a 136 score.

Miss Mary Roddy joined the Red and worked in the agency for one and a half years, served in the Utah State Department of Public Welfare, and the Veterans' Administration in the Veterans' Hospital in South Dakota, thus gaining a great deal of practical experience in a wide variety of social fields.

> In addition to this practical experience, Miss Roddy desired to add an M.A. to her B.A., and returned to Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, for her master's degree in social service work.

Immediately upon finishing her classes this June she drove back to San Francisco to take up her duties at Letterman Hospital with the Red Cross. Her thorough training and real interest in medical social work and case work makes her a welcome addition to the staff whose services are at the disposal of the medical officers, and the patients whose family and personal problems present themselves for solution during the treatment and convalescent period of their stay in the hospital.

We welcome Miss Roddy to Letbe with us for a long time.

SPECIAL

Three of our men will be leaving for Officers Candidate School this month, they are: Staff Sergeants, William L. Walker, Howard B. Dow, and Jennings Lyon.

All three men have been the ranking segeants in the following sections: Sgt. Walker, Dental: Sgt. Dow. Medical; and Sgt. Lyon, Surgical. They have been on duty at the schools ever since they opened sixteen months ago, and have aided greatly in making the schools the eficient organization it is today.

The Detachment will miss these men very much, and wishes the future Lieutenants the very best of

A visitor last week-end was Lieutenant Allen Greendale, formerly Sgt. Greendale of the Laboratory School, who left here about three months ago to attend an Officers Cindidate School, for Chemical Warfare, somewhere in the east, congratulations were in order, and many stories swapped during the Lieutenants short visit.

Captain Reese Scott, of the Dental. Section, who is our leading golfer at the schools, had his name in the paper the other day when he was the leading Army contestant in the Lincoln Park Golf Course's "Hole In One" tournament, which is something to brag about.

The occasion of the week was when the Detachment presented Sgt. Alfred Rozadilla, former Detachment clerk, with a belated wedding present, which was a super mix-master set, Sgt. Rozadilla was both surprized and very pleased when the presentation was made by our 1st Sgt. Hilmer A. Fauske, while the rest of the Detachment looked on.

Congratulations

Congratulations of the command are extended to Major Wesley E. Cobert, Post Engineer, on his recent promotion to that grade.

To blackout the windows of a West Coast aircraft factory, it took 100 professional painters, working 24 hours a day, five days and five hours to complete the job. And they used

CORONET'S ARMY CAMERA CONTEST

A contest open to all officers and enlisted men of the United States Army-an outstanding event in the field of photography—is being sponsored by the magazine Coronet. Camp newspaper editors will do the preliminary judging. All photographs will be censored by the Pictorial Branch of the Bureau of Public Relations. Final decision of the winners will rest in the hands of Cor-

Those eligible: All officers and enlisted men in the United States Army.

The dates: Contest opens August 24th; closes September 24th.

The prizes: 18 specially designed gold medals

Three possible types of photo-

- a. Vertical black-and-white studies-16 of these will win medals and be reproduced in the January issue of Coronet.
- b. Horizontal black and white studies. Only one of these will be used in Coronet and only one medal awarded.
- c. Vertical or horizonal color Kodachromes. One of these will win a medal and be reproduced in the January Coronet.

What to do:

- 1. Photographs must all depict military subjects.
- 2. Size of prints will not affect the judging of prints. For black-andwhites 8" x 10" prints are preferred, glossy or otherwise. Kodachromes are preferred in either 7" x 5" or larger, but 35mm shots will be accentable
- 3. On the back of each entry write name, rank, station, and the type of camera equipment used in making the photograph.
- 4. Also designate whether the photograph is meant for classification A. B. or C.
- 5. Send as many entries as you like. But one man can win only one medal. Send entries to: Coronet Army Camera Contest, c/o The Fog Horn.

Thanks to research by electrical engineers, we are no longer dependent upon Swiss imports for sapphire instrument bearings. Glass substitutes-tiny drops of fused hard glass -have been developed, and they will soon be produced in the qualities required.

Serve in Silence

BUFFER FOR POST ENGINEER IS A BACHELOR TO BOOT



2nd Lieut. CHARLES MIDDLETON, C. E. Assistant to the Post Engineer.

Second Lieut. Charles Middleton, Sergeant, Master Sergeant and now who until lately wore the stripes of Master Sergeant, Q.M.D., Chief Clerk, Utilities Section, is receiving congratulations in his promotion to the rank of commissioned officer in the Army of the United States. In his new office he will act as assistant to the Post Engineer at Leterman

Lieut, Middleton was born in city. When he reached the age of 24 he decided to find out what lay west of the Rockies. That he found it to his liking is proven by the fact that in the summer of 1935 he enlisted in the Army here at Letterman for the Quartermaster Department and has remained here ever

Being a printer by trade when he Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, Technical he hoof."

to Second Lieutenant, receiving his last promotion on August 8th.

The Lieutenant is a very modest man on the subject of the ability and efficiency which has made him a valuable asset to the Army, but becomes quite eloquent on his Philadelphia in 1910 and completed prowess as a deep sea fisherman. According to the space from his left hand to his right hand, held his high school education in that out to here, he pulls in the biggest and best finny denizens of the deep, regularly winning the prizes put up by his fishing companions from the Quartermaster Department. Unlike most fish stories, these facts are substantiated by the other Isaac Wal-

One phase of Lieut. Middleton's life remains a mystery: Why such a handsome soldier is still a bachelor. entered the Army, he worked for a However, from past photographs taktime in our hospital printing plant en of his office in the Quartermaster before being transferred to the Util- Department it is evident from the ities Section of the Quartermaster art calendars hanging on the walls Department. Between the years of that the Lieutenant knows what he 1935 and 1942 he steadily advanced wants in the way of femine beauty from Private to Private First Class, and still has hopes of finding it "on

Our Popular Prof. **Paymaster Patters** To New Post

Wails of regret from both masculine and feminine ranks greeted the announcement that 1st Lieut. Arthur C. Small, Agent Finance Officer at Letterman is about to depart for the hinterland, or the sticks, or maybe beyond the Blue.

One of the most popular officers on the post, professionally and socially, 1st Lieut. Small will be missed, definitely. He is the "money man" for the patients and personnel of the command, and it has been an advantage to all concerned with the question "When do we get paid?" That he knows his business thoroughly and gets it done quickly. Lieut. Small does all he can to have the patients and personnel of the hospital receive their pay as close to the end of the month as humanly possible. When a patient returns from foreign service with a need for cash, it is the Lieut, who gets the papers in order so he may receive his pay.

Besides his departure hitting us "in the pocketbook," it also hits us in the region of the heart-the two places where it hurts worst. It is felt that either the girls at Letterman are slipping, to let the Lieut. out of their clutches still a bachelor, or else he is a man of mighty strong resistance, and his leaving us without a wife makes the answer ob-



Ist Lieut, ARTHUR C. SMALL Finance Department, U. S. Army

Our Keglers Iced By the Follies' Master Pinmen

The scheduled match game with the Ice Follies was played last Sunday night, attended by a very large gathering of bowling fans who stayed up late to witness the series. The tournament started at 11:50 p. m. and lasted until 3:00 a. m., with the series going to the Ice Follies by the narrow margin of four pins, the game being played by the total pinfall rule. Letterman won the first two games by a large margin with such scores as 953-963, and losing the last game with a total of 809.

The match was not an easy victory for the Follies because of the large pin spot of 150 pins allotted them by the Letterman team, which helped add up their scores to come out on top. Mr. Eddie Shipstad gave plenty of opposition to Sergeant Henry Kuntz with such scores as 173, 208 and 181 to total 562, but Sgt. Kuntz was high bowler for the evening with games of 203, 224 and 182 to total 609.

Following is the scores for the match:

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

		7.77					
Wilcox	168	176	138	482			
Marano	202	190	184	576			
Yohe	178	198	135	511			
Mottier	201	175	170	546			
Kuntz	203	224	182	609			
Total	953	963	809	2725			
ICE FOLLIES							
Brock '	167	195	161	523			
McNulty	158	169	156	483			
Galbraith	133	127	200	460			
Robertson	167	201	183	551			
Shipstad	173	208	181	562			
Handicap	50	50	50	150			
Total	848	950	931	2729			

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

AUGUST 22 and 23
GAMBLING LADY—Joel McCrea
and Barbara Stanwyck. Also
Short Subjects.

AUGUST 25 and 26

MAISIE GETS HER MAN—Red Skelton and Ann Sothern. Also Short Subjects.

AUGUST 27 and 28

THE FLEET'S IN—William Holden and Dorothy Lamour. Also Short Subjects.

Serve in Silence



LETTERMAN KEGLERS

Shown here are Lettermen keglers and those representing the Ice Follies. Left to right—Follies team: Heinie Brock, Eddie Shipstad, George McNulty, Ken Ribertson, Sheldon Galbraith. Starting at rear and reading to

front is Letterman team, left to right: Sgt. Charles Wilcox, Sgt. Paul Mottier, Cpl. Frank Marano, Sgt. Walter Yohe, Mr. Sgt. Henry Kuntz.

STOP ME! IF YOU'VE HEARD THESE

"What kind of ice cream would you like, little girl?"

"I guess strawberry would look best on my dress."

Motor Cop: "I've had my eye on you for some time, Miss."

Co-ed: "And I thought you merely wanted to give me a ticket for speeding."

Colonel: "Why on earth are you men climbing trees and crawling through the bushes?"

Private: "Well, sir, we camouflaged the guns before lunch and now we can't find them."

Wifey: "The fortune teller said my second husband would be handsome and clever."

--See Chaplain Shuder For Bonds Hubby: "Do you mean to tell me you have been married before?"

"Halt- Who goes there?"

"American."

"Advance and recite the second verse of "The Star Spangled Banner"."

"I don't know it."

"Proceed, American."

Waiter: "May I help you from that soup, sir?"

Patron: "What do you mean, help me from the soup?"

Waiter: "Well, sir, judging by the sound, I thought you might wish to be dragged ashore."

A local draft board recently received this letter:

"I am married, but it's a secret because my wife's mother hates me. I have been classified as 1-A. If I continue to keep my marriage a secret I will have to go into the Army. If I announce my marriage I will have my mother-in-law on my neck. What do you advise?"

TRANSPORTATION

Mail deliveries and pick-ups face curtailment in many localities because of lack of men and the need to conserve trucks and tires, the Post Office Department announced. Definite curtailment plans were announced for Washington, D. C., and Detroit. The Office of Defense Transportation said local transport systems throughout the country will face the heaviest load in history by mid-September. The ODT prohibited railroads, effective September 15, from hauling refrigerator and box cars carrying civilian freight unless they are loaded to capacity.

MAIL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS EARLY

Do your Christmas mailing early to soldiers everseas, the War Department advised today.

Officers of the Army Postal Service urge that Christmas packages, cards and letters for men overseas be mailed between October 1 and November 1, pointing out that anything mailed after the latter date will very likely not reach the soldier in time for Christmas.

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Temporary Passes Authorized for **Enemy Aliens**

Issuance of permits to enemy aliens allowing temporary exemptions in certain cases from the travel and curfew restrictions of Public Proclamation No. 3. Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, has been placed in the hands of the United States Office of Civilian Defense Ninth Civilian Defense Ninth Civilian Defense Region.

The Civilian Defense Organization was made a cooperating agency of the Wartime Civil Control Administration for that purpose by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, who called on this agency to assume a duty previously performed by United States Employment Service.

These announcements were made today by Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, and Chief of the Wartime Civil Control Administration.

"The Office of Civilian Defense, including the city and county defense council will act as a cooperating agency of the Wartime Civil Control Administration in the handling of these permits," said Colonel Bendetsen, "and will work with other Federal agencies dealing with

Under the original orders, issued March 24, 1942, by Lieut, Gen. J. L. DeWitt, Commanding Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, the restrictions applied to those aliens who registered or were required to register as German, Italian or Japanese citizens. As the Japanese have been evacuated from the

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SAN FRANCISCO POSTMASTER IS PRAISED FOR SUCCESS OF V MAIL

in the vast Pacific theater of opera- space and permits carrying many tion are getting mail from home times the number of letters. with increasing speed and volume through the new V-mail service for armed forces overseas.

smoothly, and a lot of credit for that is due Postmaster McCarthy and other members of his force who are helping us get service men's letters to them with the least possible delay," said Major John H. Van-Meter, in charge of Army postal activities in the San Francisco Port of Emarkation.

V-mail, inaugurated here in June -with the first letter going to General Douglas MacArthur-is for correspondence only to and from overseas forces. Special standard V-mail letter sheets are distributed free 41/2 x 51/4 inches in size, and delivthrough postoffices.

The actual letter written to men and women in the armed forces overseas is not delivered. A photographic copy is sent instead, to save time and cargo space. Major Van Meter emphasized, however, that "senders of V-mail, are assured full privacy in their correspondence.' Only official censors read the mail. The task of filming the letters is done mechanically-V-mail even is sorted and opened by automatic cutof 2500 letters an hour.

Major Van Meter explained the operation of V-Mail:

on micro-film to be sent overseas on rolls of film to points where facilities for receiving the films and re-

"Use of the micro-film accom- year.

Thousands of soldiers and sailors | plishes tremendous saving in cargo

"For example, 150,000 ordinary one-sheet letters weigh 2575 pounds, and require the space and use of 37 "The V-mail program is working mail sacks. V-mail which has been filmed for shipment to points where micro-film facilities are available. requires one sack for 150,000 filmed V-mail letters, weighing only 45

"V-mail may be sent to its destination by fast surface vessel, air ferry, or a combination of both-making for speedier and safer delivery.

"At the other end-where it is received by a son, brother, husband, sweetheart or friend overseas-it is not projected on a screen, but is printed on photographic paper, ered to the addressesee for his private reading.

"Civilians writing to members of our armed forces abroad on V-mail letter sheets simply obtain the forms at the nearest Postoffice; pay the regular postage-3c if the sender desires domestic transportation by surface means, and 6c for air transportation within the continental limits of the United States. Air Mail thus sent is also sent overseas by air when such means of transportating machines that pass it through tion is available. For members of photographing devices at the rate the armed forces using the service. V-mail is postage free.'

Certain manufacturers are experi-"The new service makes use of menting in the use of glass, terra photographing the individual letters cotta, and cement as substitutes for iron, steel, and nonferrous metals which have been used in the past to make the four million stoves producing the letters are available. needed to supply the country each

Miss Theilman Is Transferred Inland To New Hospital

Miss Ethel Theilman, who has been the head Physio Therapy aide at Letterman for the past six years, left this week for her new station at Springeld, Missouri, where she will head the PhysioTherapy Department at O'Reilly General Hospital.

Physio Therapy has become a valuable asset to the treatment of patients at Letterman General Hospital during the long tenure of Miss Theilman and O'Reilly General Hospital is to be congratulated on the transfer which brings it such a highly qualified department head.

In 1936 when Miss Theilman joined the staff of Letterman Hospital, the Physio-Therapy Department was in charge of Colonel Burnett and her co-workers were Miss Louise Christman and Miss Mary Wilburn. The present staff headed by Major William H. Ice, M.C., includes Miss Frances Herbert and Miss Margaret Alt, graduates of Walter Reed Hospital: Miss Nora French, graduate of Stanford Physical Therapy Training School, and four apprentices, Miss Leone Prescott, Miss Jeanne Cason, Miss Rosemary Decker and Miss Sadie Ganson, all of the Childrens' Hospital in Los Angeles.

We regret the departure of Miss Theilmann and she carries with her the best wishes of the entire staff for a happy tour of service in the Ozark foothills.

American factories will use ten billion pounds of salt in this year's war effort. Its sodium and chlorine plays parts in the making of airplanes, tanks, jeeps, guns, synthetic rubber and high-test gasoline.

AUTOMOTIVE CONTRIBUTION VICTORY THROUGH

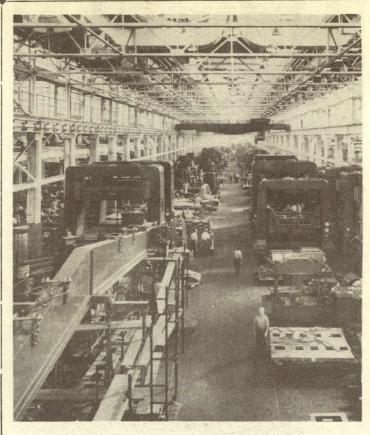
America's blueprint for victory calls for the dominance of air power in the all-pervasive ocean of the planet's atmosphere.

The imperative need for such power has been sharply underscored by events on all fighting fronts in the past six months-by the Pearl Harbor attack and the Japanese conquests of the Philippines, Malaya and Java; by the fate of the Arizona and the Oklahoma, the Prince of Wales and the Repulse; and of the Haruna off Luzon; by the recordbreaking offensive flight of United States Army bombers from Australia to the Philippines; by the bombing of Tokyo, and by the performances of Army and Navy planes in the Coral Sea engagement.

In the 38 years since Wilbur and Orville Wright put their motorpowered craft into the all-encompassing sea of air for the first time. this nation has built and launched more than 100,000 planes, from craft of the \$1-a-ride variety up to and including huge sea-spanning airliners.

Until actual attack from the air aroused them to a realization that the air is an ocean whose shores touch every hitherto isolated locality, Americans were too busy developing the productive transportation functions of aircraft to notice that other nations were exploiting the destructive potentialities of the new vehicle. Pearl Harbor shocked them into awareness of their peril, and the reaction to the shock was the decision to build, this year alone, an armada of air power numbering more planes than half the total built since 1904.

In the launching of this mighty armada, the automotive industry has a vitally important role. Already, seven former manufacturers of automobiles are producing airplane motors. Two others are tooling plants for similar work. Of the seven in production, one has been supplying all the engines for some of the most potent fighter planes now in the hands of the United States forces and their Allies. It began supplying those engines months before the Luftwaffe darkened the skies over Poland, and has improved them continuously. Two other automotive companies were in production of aircraft engines at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. A third, getting into production a few weeks later, was a full year ahead



Tools for Four-Engine Bombers are built here.

craft engines in carload lots are ing, a wave of warplanes that the now rolling daily from plants of Axis cannot possibly breast will be former motor car companies to taking to the skies." warplane assembly plants.

In addition, six automotive companies are building airframes for the Army and the Navy. Several are making complete planes. Others are preparing plants for warplane production, is one complete heavy bomber every hour. The four-engined aerial battleships issuing from this one plant are capable of flying from the factory's airport to any military airdrome on the face of the

When in full production, this plant alone will produce as many heavy bombers as all the factories of the entire Axis are believed able to turn out. Yet it represents the effort of only one of more than 100 | tractors. automotive companies now at work on the task of arming America with supremacy in air power.

As a top American aviation au-

Daily the industry's role in the master plan for American dominance of the air becomes greater.

A former truck plant is producing constant-speed propellers for fourmotored bombers. A network of automobile body plants-including some wood-working mills which fell idle with the advent of the all-steel motor car body-has been integrated into a series of sub-assembly lines, whose products are airframes for medium bombers of the kind used in the raid of Tokyo. A chart of those assembly lines would be a map of the Great Lakes basin and the entire Mississippi Valley embracing plants of scores of sub-con-

A group of factories whose peacetime products were automobile body hardware are supplying parts or complete units for about 500 differthority said recently, "When the ent warplane instruments. A forge of its schedule by mid-May. Air- automobile industry really gets roll- shop has laid automobile crankshaft

dies aside to hammer out forgings for landing gear parts, and the forgings are machined in a former automobile appliance factory more than 300 miles away.

Another body manufacturer's seven plants, widely dispersed in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, are supplying hundreds of different kinds of airframe parts to the Army and Navy.

The decision to augment the growing strength of the American aviation industry with the mass productive power of the automobile industry has provided the nation with the strategical advantage of a broad dispersal of the plants from which the warplanes and their components are emerging. An added source of strength is the up-surge of ingenuity which inevitably follows the meeting of fresh minds and new problems.

As early as the summer of 1940, two automobile body manufacturers undertook the production of airplanes wings and other aircraft sections. Executives and supervisory personnel had to spend weeks and months in aircraft factories learning new lessons.

Veteran automotive engineers and master mechanics, many of them acknowledged leaders in their special fields, had to don shop aprons to acquire new skill and open text books to master unfamiliar theory. Hundreds-and, later, thousands of workers-men and women-had to be trained. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, both companies were in production. Shipments of aircraft sections have been made, and are steadily increasing.

Today, their products include: complete wings for Navy observation planes; wing sections for attack bombers; complete wings, landing brake flaps and tail sections for Navy fighters; ducts, flaps, bomb bay doors and hatch covers for heavy bombers; power driven turrets; inner wings, engine nacelles and wing tips for heavy bombers; wings for Army fighters; aileron, wing tip, wing flap, stabilizer, fin, rudder and tail assemblies, and more than a hundred different bomber 'duct assemblies.

One company, with 15 major contracts, reached the end of April with its operations ahead of schedule from 13 to 39 per cent, and with more than 80 per cent of its auto-

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Congratulations are in order for the following men: Clyde L. Lester, appointed Technical Sergeant; John V. Mills, William L. Fuller and Walter A. Yohe, appointed Staff Sergeants; Albert Morrison, Arliss V. Sherman and Carlo J. Cotella appointed Sergeants; Manuel Gonzales and Charles R. Weisburg appointed Technicians Fourth Grade; Luverne D. Boland and Marion D. Jones appointed Corporals; Herman Gillman, Caesar J. Michelotti and Russel E. Carrow appointed Technicians Fifth Grade; and James F. Murray and Ernest Punaro appointed Privates First Class.

Welcome is extended Private Carrol W. Marsh and Private Raymond Galvan recently assigned to Letterman for duty.

Good luck and success to the following men who left this station: Sergeants Archie R. Burnett, Ralph D. Hightower and Peter G. Santiago; Sgt./Technicians Frank L. Burns, Donald E. Girsch, Bert H. Berry and Joseph M. Thibodeaux; Pfcs. George L. Maxwell, Warren A. Rahe, Theodore G. Nilsson, David J. Ross and Willie E. Liles, and Privates James D. Brinson, John E. Burns, Robert L. Ridolfi, Donald L. Schwab, Harris E. Houston, Leonard F. Satterlee, Frank J. Beach, William R. Hasse and Harry Weingarden.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Jennings Lyon off to O. C. S. at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, to embark in the Chemical Warfare Service School.

The Message Center personnel putting on a floor show "before hours" for Administration Building personnel and featuring a specialty number by Corporals Marion D. Jones and William G. Louch.

Sgt/Tech. Theodore F. Clark taking a hot water bottle to bed with him to keep warm.

Sgt./Tech. Johnnie N. Hall planning to get married in November.

Sgt. Renaldo Roberti acquiring the name of "Hector the Collector" during the morning inspections.

A COLLEEN WHO CAPERS FOR CUPID AT THE CALL OF THE CHAPLAIN



ROSALEEN V. KELLY 2nd Lieut., Army Nurse Corps

Second Lieut. Rosaleen Veronica cisco, graduating in 1938. After a Kelly, ANC, of the E. E. N. & T. Department, smoothed down her in surgery at the Los Angeles Counstarched white skirt, gave us an impish smile and said, "Yes, I'm Irish, but I'm not superstitious. I've been a witness at a half dozen weddings here at the hospital and hope I will be at a lot more."

Her big brown eyes sparkled as she recalled that for most of the weddings her only preparation had been to quickly powder her nose, Hospital in July. slip down to the chapel and take her place at the left of the bride. But the most impromptu wedding of all was at the bedside of a patient whose bride-to-be had flown out from the East.

Miss Kelly, who aids and abets Dan Cupid and the Chaplain, was four. She attended the San Rafael ceremonials, Grand Canyon, Carls-High School and took her training bad Caves, Mexico and Texas. at the French Hospital in San Fran- But do not call her "Rosie."

post graduate course of eght months ty Hospital she returned to the French Hospital as Assistant Supervisor of Surgery. Working toward a degree in nursing education, she attended the San Francisco State Teachers College and University of California Extension, while doing private duty. In 1941 she joined the Red Cross and came to Letterman

Being the very proud owner of a Chrysler sedan, Miss Kelly can indulge her favorite pastime of traveling. Besides visiting her family in Marin County and her many friends in San Francisco, she described one summer trip of the Southwest which included Boulder Dam, Bryce Canborn in Chehalis, Washington, and yon, Zion National Park, two days moved to California at the age of in New Mexico during the Indian

SPECIAL SERVICE

Once again graduation time is at hand, and all the schools are busy, giving final examinations, averaging up grades, and making up the graduates diplomas, perhaps that is the reason for the students staying in the last few nights, and also walking around with solemn faces.

Congratulations to our drill instructors, they have been doing such a good job these days, that they have been given the job of drilling the Letterman M.P.'s for once we get a chance to holler at the police-

Another good man has left the detachment, S./Sgt. Albert Kachner, Non-commissioned Officer in charge of the X-Ray school received his orders to report to Officers Candidate School, and left on Monday of this week. Sgt. Kachner, was also one of the original members of the schools, and will be missed by everyone here, and we all wish the future Lt. the very best of luck.

With most of the original members of the detachment gone to Officers school, there is now only four of the old-timers left, these are our 1st Sgt. Hilmer A. Fauske, and Sgts. W. K. Selvey, P. A. Wright, and Delmar E. Carlson, but let us add that the new members of this command are carrying on in the best of style. to keep up the high standards of the

It's a sight to see: . . .

Our Sgt. Major William Sink, in his new dress blues, leading his company out to drill.

The prize photographs of Sgt. Harvey Hablitzel, and a few of them have won the Sgt. prizes.

MOVING PICTURES

August 29 and 30-

CROSS ROADS-William Powell and Hedy Lamarr. Also Short Subjects.

September 1 and 2-

RINGS ON HER FINGERS-Henry Fonda and Jean Tierney. Also Short Subjects.

September 3 and 4-

SONG OF THE ISLAND - Betty Grable and Victor Mature. Also Short Subjects.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

BRASS HATS MAKE US S-O-O TIRED

Not so long ago we had occasion to see a communication over the signature of a recently whelped "brass hat" which contained this striking sentence—and we quote—The accompanying questionnaire will be completed and returned on the same day it is receivedand we unquote.

Reading that over it reminded us of the radio announcer who dictatorially tells his audience to "go right now to your druggist and buy a tube of Whoozis toothpaste." Of

course we never do.

The infusion of new blood into this man's army is no doubt very good for the service as a whole, but some of the transfused matter may produce coagulation unless carefully watched.

The normal administration of affairs in the army, considering the size of the organization and the many component elements, will compare favorably with any "big business." There has to be a certain order in which things are done and every day brings certain things

to do.

Most of us are diligent in the performance of our duties and most us get a certain satisfaction out of that performance, but when some second deputy assistant floor sweeper's aide tells us, for instance, where to place our waste basket we balk.

We prefer to keep it handy for such questionnaires.

In May, 14th month of production, one company was 93 per cent over its original schedule of machine gun output for that month.



Miss Patricia Cummings, Assistant Field Director of the American Red Nurse, has been assigned to duty at Cross, back at her desk after a two weeks' absence due to illness. Welcome, Pat.

being a mother to all the young people on the first floor,, now a grand Ewing, Miss Ida E. Peschon, Miss mother in her own right.

Master Sergeant "Bill" Corley covering all the ramps in his wheel chair last week and doing it all afoot this week. Nice goin'.

A certain young officer giving a practical demonstration of home econ. or maybe it is home-makingwell, anyway he does a neat job with

Sergeant Albert Morrison wearing his new chevrons and making a fine looking soldier.

Some of the office force now on the ground floor getting into condition for the two flight climb just ahead of them.

Birthday Party Is Held for Meyer Uffer on Ward N-1

Private Meyer Uffer, long time patient on Ward N-1, was treated to a surprise birthday party on the eve of his departure for Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

The decoration for the party indicated plainly that Miss Sally Ann Zumaris, the charge nurse, and her assistant, Miss Jean Kirkman, were the prime movers for the occasion. A birthday cake and many presents were in evidence and Pvt. Uffer expressed his gratitude for the party and the many kind deeds done in his behalf during his long illness.

Present to drink a toast in cocacola to the health of the honoree were Captain Raymond Kay, Capt. Rosenbloom, Lieut. Marcus Krupp, Chaplain McKenna, Miss Zumaris, Miss Kirkman, Sgt. Donald Mc-Naughton, Pfc. John P. Morris, and Sgt. Charles Vance.

Production of steel in the first half of 1942 set a new high record of 42,570,247 net tons.



Miss Catherine M. Flatley, Chief Letterman and brings to nine the number of nurses with that rank assigned to assist Miss Knierim.

Other aides to the Principal Chief Mrs. Helen E. Diez, in addition to Nurse are: Mrs. Elizabeth Treuholtz, Miss Sara C. Brogan, Miss Frances Martha Smith, Miss Beth Veley, and Miss Mabel V. Stevens.

> Miss Orah D. Stephenson, Chief Nurse at Camp Stewart, Georgia, and formerly of our staff, keeps sending us post cards from places like Miami Beach, Daytonia, and St. Augustine-all in Florida-and we are not a bit envious. California is still tops.

> Miss Anna Bath Jones has returned from a short leave of absence spent in her native state of Iowa and is much encouraged by the stands of corn and prospects for a good crop this year.

> Miss Lulu J. Newton, Principal Chief Nurse at Camp Stoneman, was a dinner guest at our quarters one evening this week.

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Miss Eunice Hatchitt has taken up temporary residence in Hollywood to act as technical adviser in the making of the moving picture to honor the nurses of Bataan.

The five days leaves of absence now being enjoyed by some of our nurses are a definite contribution to the morale of the staff.

It's a Boy at The Ross Paulls

Eight pounds of Barry Ross Paull arrived at the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ross Paull on Wednesday morning of this week and in the early afternoon hours Papa Paull passed the cigars around the Staff

Barry Ross made his debut at the Children's Hospital of San Francisco and the proud father is also doing well as we go to press.

Serve in Silence

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, August 30, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

OUR MAIL BAG

A grateful patient writes: "Gentlemen:

Am wondering if I may use your newspaper to thank the many persons I have come in contact with while a patient at Letterman General Hospital. May I offer my regards to General Weed and my sincere thanks and gratitude to such men as Colonel Harbaugh, Major Calloway, Major Helming, Chaplain Shuder, Captain Dominick, Captain Drake, Captain Slocum, Captain Moore, Captain Aitken, Captain Langsdorf, Lieut. Gilbert, Lieut. Pratt for their kindness, consideration, and sincerity and ability in their professions. May I also thank the very efficient nurses, corps men and occupational therapists, as a matter of fact, the entire personnel of the Letterman General Hospital. I shall never forget.

Yours truly,"

REQUIEM

Died last night-Private Bott. He was tight: His brakes were not!

MEDITATION

And if our lines should form and break,

Because of things you failed .to make-

The extra tank or ship or plane For which we waited all in vain. And the supplies that never came Will you then come and take the blame?

For we, not you, wil pay the cost Of battles you, not ve, have lost.

After 25 years of effort to perfect a light, high-speed motor for submarine chasers, a Desel engine and a variable pitch narine propeller are now in full procuction.

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. GENERAL V. JORDA, C.A.

"Sure I'd like to be 'On the Spot,' Maybe it will help me get back to duty. Just about the time I decided I was going to be of some use to the Army-what do they do?-shoot me up here to Letterman to try and figure out what makes me tick. Three months is a long time to be in any hospital, even as nice a one as Letterman. I don't suppose there are any better do you?"

All these words came out in a torrent from Private General V. Jorda, patient on ward B-2, and for fear that he would continue his questions instead of telling us something about himself we ignored his question and got on with the interview. It follows:

Private Jorda is from Tennessee-"accent and all." He was born July 4, 1921, in Thorn Hill, a small farm community about 45 miles east of Knoxville. And Jorda still continues to address his mail to Thorn Hill when writing home.

After completing high school in Thorn Hill, Jorda went to work for the T.V.A. (Tennessee Valley Authority) Power Company and was employed by them up until the time of his enlistment. He was employed in the construction of the Dams being built by TVA and worked in the capacity of concrete worker-pouring and cutting concrete.

Pvt. Jorda made up his mind while working on the last project that he would join the Army when his job was finished and help to do his part to get the world straightened out. So on October 20, 1941, he went to Knoxville and signed up for the Coast Artillery. His training was received in Georgia and Virginia at Forts Oglethorpe and Eustis. And after completing his training there he was sent to Camp Steward, Georgia, for a three-and a-half month specialists course in Anti-Aircraft.

Serve in Silence

WHAT KALTENBORN THINKS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MILITARY MEN

H. V. Kaltenborn, NBC's dean of news commentators, is a frequent visitor in U.S. Army camps, both in the United States and abroad. Recently, Kaltenborn flew to England in a United States Army Air Corps Transport Command bomber. Both here and abroad, he reports, soldiers ask much the same questions. Three most frequently heard, and Kaltenborn's answers, include:

"Will the war result in a permanent military life for many soldiers now in uniform?"

No. A democracy like ours usually objects to compulsory military service in time of peace. We prefer a small professional Army. This war is making it clear that the old fashioned conscription system is outdated in peace time. A modern Army needs first class technicians and first class technical material. It takes more than one or two years of training to develop competent technicians. After the war, I would therefore favor a small professional Army. If we get the kind of peace and post-war world we are fighting for, there will be no large armies left to menace the United States.

After the Spanish-American war, I was very much tempted to reenlist in the Regular Army: there will be plenty of good men available for both the professional Army and Navy when this war is over.

"What opportunities will be open to returning soldiers after the war?"

To find the right kind of opportunities for its discharged soldiers is a democracy's definite obligation. Wherever possible, their former jobs should be opened to them. Every effort must be made to re-absorb our soldiers into the country's social and economic life. Most men will have received special training, and will have developed special qualifications, as a result of their military service. Every effort should be made to enable them to utilize in civilian life what they learned while in uniform.

"Comparing other U. S. wars, what about soldiers' morale?"

Today's soldier, both here and abroad, convinces me he is far more alert and aware than my comrades of 1898 or the doughboy of World War I. Indefinitely more is being done to teach as well as to train the soldier of today. Broadcasting and newspapers are playing a part, linking the man in uniform to the war in which he is engaged. Consequently, I believe the 1942 soldier has a much greater knowledge and appreciation of the cause for which he fights. Soldiers continued to be intelligent citizens, even though they have become units in a great people's Army.

-NBC News Service.

LECTURE

The War Department Bureau of Public Relations, Washington, D. C., has scheduled the appearance of Mr. Adolph Pervy to speak on "I Fought at Dunquerque" in connection with the Army Orientation Course at the Recreation Center at 3:30 p. m., September 4, 1942.

In the Flanders campaign in the Spring of 1940, Mr. Pervy served as a French Liaison Officer with the 46th British Division of infantry and participated in the battles of Donai, Merville, Popeinque, Ypres, and Dunquerque.

His division covered the retreat through Dunquerque after which he taken to England.

He returned to France two weeks later and was demobilized, coming to America by way of Oran in North Africa and Martinique.

Paris, he taught French at Columbia. seven pounds, four ounces.



To Sgt. and Mrs. Frederick A. Zielke, "A" 6th CA, Fort W. Scott, a son, Frederick Arthur Zielke, Jr., born August 20, weight seven pounds, fourteen ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles F. Fraser, a daughter, Judy Jean Fraser, born August 20, weight six pounds, ten ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Roy Ferlas, H2. swam out to sea until rescued and 216th CA(AA), a daughter, Dianna Lee Ferlas, born August 21, weight seven pounds, sixteen ounces.

* * * To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Clifton E. Mc-Elwain, QMC, a son, Michael Scott A graduate of the University of McElwain, born August 25, weight

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. MARVIN C. WAGNER

Although Private Marvin C. Wagner has had only six months service in the Army he is a veteran of four years foreign service in China as a member of the Marine Corps.

He was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, in 1918, and moved to Gridley, California at a very early age where he lived until he completed his high school education. Forsaking the farm life of that community in June, 1937, he enlisted in the Marine Corps at Sacramento, and went from Sacramento to San Diego and then to Shanghai, China. There he remained until May, 1940.

As a member of an Infantry and Guard Unit in China he was assigned to patrol a certain section of the China coast as well as the International Settlement at Shanghai. Consequently, he had a ring-side seat while on this assignment to the war operations which started in that country between China and Japan. He states that personal feelings of the enlisted men about the invasion of China were pretty well controlled until the sinking of the U.S. River, Patrol Boat "Panay" by the Japs. And then the general feeling was that something should be done and done quickly.

After returning to the United States and subsequently discharged from the Marine Corps in August, 1941, Wagner worked as a civilian policeman at McCullough Field before being inducted into the Army in February, 1942. His induction took place at Sacramento and after two weeks at Monterey Private Wagner reported for duty at Letterman Hospital in March of this year.

Pvt. Wagner has had duty on the Wards but prefers the M. P. duty to which he is assigned at present. However, he has one complaint. There is not enough excitement and work for a man with his energy and ambition, and he feels there should be more of both for him to be doing his full duty

MORE ABOUT AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY'S PART

motive machine tools and equipment fully converted to war work.

Naturally, the introduction of problems to minds with fresh viewpoints resulted in new solutions. Amazing short-cuts were developed. Automotive engineers, watching aircraft engines produce wasted horsepower in test cells, devised equipment to trap the wasted effort and turn it into electric energy for use in the factory. Automobile body welders, watching the laborious riveting of plane sections for the first time, suggested welding experiments which, authorized by the Navy and proved effective, were adopted and cut hours into minutes. Aircraft engine parts, formerly ground one at a time and by hand, were grouped into special jigs and automatically ground out 14 at a time. Workmen devised a burring tool to replace hand sanding of drilled duralumin sheets, an ingenious "sticker" to feed rivets into hole automatically, and an adjustable device to control and pre-determine the number of blows dealt by standard pneumatic hand riveting

Recently one company, taking its second order to produce bomber wings and nacelles, contracted to do the job on the basis of less than 50 per cent of the originally specified man-hours.

On the wing-panel operation, use of automotive-type machines and tools saved 75% of the time previously required-and cut the cost of the wing set by around \$1000.

One major manufacturer of automotive ignition and starting equipment, whose development has grown apace with the aviation industry, has cut costs on one model of a vital engine accessory by 30% as mass output efficiency became possible; two other related products also have been reduced around 30% and a fourth item now costs 44% less. Engine prices in some cases also have been lowered as volume increased and experience accumulated. The same is true of other items.

In hundreds of such instances, time and material and man-hours have been saved, costs have been cut and, while schedules have been met and passed, quality of the product has been improved.

Peacetime research, too, has paid off richly in the war-time emerg-

Centrifugal casting equipment, de-



Three flashes of "Lightning" Powered by engines from Automotive Industry.

bile pistons in a new way, is now dustry, provided a time-saving whirling out cylinder barrels for an short-cut in the hitherto laborious air-cooled, radial power plant going translation of drawings into teminto swift pursuit ships.

In a factory where accessories were made yesterday, America's planes are now being supplied with millions of spark plugs superior to anything produced heretofore. The material employed in their manufacture is as hard as semi-precious jewels. Until the Army seized upon it as means to "Keep 'Em Flying." it was little more than a curiosity in the laboratory where it was perfected.

In another factory, three weeks was all the time required by automotive craftsmen to develop the technics for the production of microscopically small ball bearings which became imperative for aircraft instruments when the war cut off foreign supplies of watch jewels.

And, from a body-maker's pattern shop and an automobile company's research laboratories, came an idea which, applied to photographic techveloped recently to make automo- nics already used in the aviation in- better.

plates for airframe parts manufacture, checking and assembly.

All of the plants are now using the materials as rapidly as they are received under government allocations. In all of them, production rates are rising daily. As those rates rise to ever-increasing heights, the cooperation of the aviation and automotive industries will write inspiring new chapters in American industrial history. Quantitatively, the superior might of American air power will soon be demonstratedwith as much finality as the pursuit planes, bombers and flying boats of the United States have already proved it qualitatively.

Last September 1,914 planes were produced; in May, production was mearly 4,000.

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The inside of a combat tank is painted white to help the crew see

DOWN UNDEIR

Gen. MacArthur's headdquarters in Australia reported allilied fighter pilots using new battle tactics shot down at least 13 Japannese planes, and probably 15 or morre, out of an enemy fleet of 47 whiich attacked Darwin. No allied plantes were lost. The Navy reported the Marines hold on at least three of the Solomon Islands is now well established. When 700 Japanese counter-attacked on one of the islands 670 were killed and the other 30 taken prisoners, Pacific fleet commander Nimitz reported. The Marine losses were 28 killed and 72 wounded.

TEMPORARY PASS

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Pacific Coast the Office of Civilian Defense will deal with the German and Italian aliens.

Permits granting permission for enemy aliens to be away from their homes between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., hours designated as curfew hours, and to travel more than the five miles from their places of residence, may be issued under the proper conditions, Colonel Bendetsen pointed

Travel, during as well as after curfew, includes trips on necessary and strict official business to courts and to state, county and Federal offices: death or serious illness of near relatives or dependents; weddings of members of the immediate family; visits to regular physicians or specialists, when designated by physician, hospitals and clinics.

Conditions under which permits may be issued to remain away from the place of residence during curfew hours include death or serious illness of a member of the immediate family; to attend wakes, if accompanied by a citizen; to attend weddings of members of the immediate family; to work at night, at which time the alien must remain on the premises of the employer.

A full list of exemptions is included in a booklet of regulations which will be available at all city and county offices of Civilian Defense issuing permits.

"There will be no relaxing of the provisions of the travel and curfew restrictions," Colonel Bendetsen said in announcing the new arrangement. "The step was taken to facilitate the issuing of permits to the aliens.

Craig in Form as Letterman Wins First of Playoff

First blood in the playoff for the championship in Class "B" of the City Baseball League was drawn by the Letterman nine on Tuesday evening when the hospital players defeated the team representing Hirsch & Price by a score of four to two. Two extra innings were needed to decide the contest.

Jack Craig, who is bearing the burden of the pitching for the home team since Bobby Carroll went off to the wars, was in good form and had the situation well in hand at all times, just as if he were a good Marine instead of a soldier. He made four hits in four times at bat -and that is hitting in any league. The complete score:

LETTERMAN

AND A PORVINCE			
Player	AB.	H.	R.
DeMello, c	5	2	0
Giovanetti, ss	4	2	2
White, cf	4	2	0
Fogle, 1b	3	0	0
Leyrer, 2b	3	1	0
Haverty, 3b	3	1	0
Germoni, sf	3	1	1
Morey, cf	4	1	1
Craig, p	4	4	0
Edmondson, If	4	1	0
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Totals	37	15	4

HIRSCH & PRICE

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Klung, rf	4	1	0
Brooks, c	3	0	0
Rigby, sf	4	1	0
Liss, If	4	2	1
Evans, 1b	4	3	1
Kasich, 3b	4	1	0
Ahern, cf	3	. 1	0
Heinboung, 2b	4	1	0
Flynn, ss	3	0	0
McMonagle, p	3	1	0
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Totals	36	11	2
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BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANK W. WEED, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, pinning the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart on Pvt. William D. Lovelace, QMD., while Pvt. Wallace A. Kempen, Army Air Force, decorated on the same occasion, looks on. The medals were awarded both soldiers for "meritorious service."

OLD MESS SERGEANTS AND COOKS ARE NOW INVITED TO JOIN FOR DURATION

years old who have had experience Fort Ord, Camp San Luis Obispo, as Army mess sergeants or cooks Camp Booke, Camp Haan, Califormay reenlist and become instructors nia; Camp Adair, Camp White, in the Army School for Bakers and Oregon; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Cooks, it was announced today at and Fort Lewis, Washington. The the headquarters of Major General schools train enlisted personnel for eral of the Ninth Service Command, preparing food for soldiers. at Fort Douglas, Utah.

available for men of ability, it is re-

Ninth Service Command Schools for Bakers and Cooks are situated at Fort Douglas, Utah; Presidio of

Army veterans between 45 and 50 San Francisco, Camp Stoneman, Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding Gen- administering mess kitchens and

For information applicants may Opportunities for promotion are call at the nearest school, or they may write to the Ninth Service Command School for Bakers and Cooks, Fort Douglas, Utah.

Serve in Silence

Our Keglers Hope To Be Better on The Next Round

The Summer League bowling contest is rapidly drawing to a close, with only three games left to play. First place is definitely in the hands of the American Sedan Service by a margin of five games; second, Wolden's Assessors; third, Letterman Hospital; fourth, Fielding Hotel; fifth, Simmons Bedding Company, and in last position, the Natividad Cigar Company team.

Last Wednesday's match was a two-to-one loss for the Medic's team when they were beaten from the start by a handicap of thirty pins. The second game went to the Medics by a margin of 180 pins. The third game was a complete victory for the Natividad Cigars' when they won 910 to 829.

Starting Friday a new league went into effect which is not played on the handicap system. Letterman is entered and ready for revenge. The League is the same as the Summer League, 875, and is to be played on the Broadway-Van Ness Lanes.

The Letterman bowling team has maintained a very steady average of 880, and going into the new league the following averages prevail: Sgt. Mottier, 181; Sgt. Yohe, 165; Corp. Marano, 177; Sgt. Wilcox, 172, and Sgt. Kuntz, 185.

Badgers May Vote According to Has. **Press Release**

Soldiers who are citizens of the State of Wisconsin may participate in the Badger State's primaries on September 15, 1942, and in the general election oNvember 3, 1942, by means of absentee ballots, it was announced by Fred R. Zimmerman, Secretary of State.

Mr. Zimmerman advised that Wisconsin voters in the service write to him at once at Madison, Wisconsin, requesting ballots be prepared for them. Those writing will be mailed ballots in plenty of time in advance of election or primary day so that they may be counted with those of voters at home. Requests should be addressed to:

Fred R. Zimmerman, Secretary of State, Madison, Wisconsin.

The soldier's "free" mail privilege may be used in this correspondence.

12,500,000 persons in the U.S. are now engaged in work directly connected with war production.

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"And it was the first buck of the season in that section of the state." concluded Pfc. William B. Gambril as he handed over the snapshots which proved his right to the title of "Old Nimrod."



Pfc. WILLIAM B. GAMBRIL Medical Detachment

His hunting story struck a refreshing note, as it was short but with a very successful climax, in contrast to other sportsmen's woes of long treks, miles covered on foot, stalking, "buck fever" and no meat.

Taking time off from his usual post in the Receiving Office at Letterman Hospital, Bill joined forces with his brother, and on opening day of the deer season started out in a northeasterly direction from Monticello in Napa County. They left camp at seven-thirty in the morning and by nine were back with a two-point buck, credited to Pfc. Gambril, which dressed at 125

LIBERTY LIMERICKS

Said a tailor named Mr. I. Pressem.

"Our soldiers need backing, God bless 'em-And I've bought, for their sake.

All the Bonds I can take: Yes, I'm proud and I'm glad to possess 'em!"



A stitch in time will mean defeat of the Axis. county must reach its War Bond quota. Invest 10% or more in War Bonds every pay day!

U. S. Treasury Dept.



Pvt. PAUL BOYER and Pvt. EDWARD ALLEN Veterans of Hickam Field who were guests recently at the General Motors Employee's Victory Revue presented at the Shrine Auditorium at Los Angeles. Pvt. Allen is giving his autograph to young Jack Hammond, one of the 6500 persons who attended the colorful show. Both Boyer and Allen spoke briefly of their experiences during the Hickam Field raid and stressed the importance of production of war materials for Armed Forces of the United Nations.

ARMY TO HAVE PART IN SALVAGE DRIVE

to salvage display and relic cannons and other metal war materials in public places, was assured today by the headquarters of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding General of the Ninth Service Comman, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

All Army posts, camps, and stations have been instructed to turn in their old cannons, cannon balls, and similar materials not necessary for military use.

Army personnel will participate in the collection of the relics and in ceremonies which may be conducted by counties or municipalities in the mobilization of public war trophies and out-moded weapons.

In a letter to boards of county commissioners throughout the state the war, according to the letter.

Participation of the Ninth Service Colonel R. W. Yates, director of the Command in the Nation-wide drive Ninth Service Command Supply Division, told the officials arrangements were complete for the Army to take possession of all cannons, cannon balls, iron rails and fences and similar items which counties or municipalities were willing to donate.

> For such material as is donated, an appropriate certificate, attesting to the gift and to the data inscribed on the various pieces, will be furnished by the Ninth Service Command headquarters. Colonel Yates' letter pointed out that the relics will be combined with good American steel and returned as bombs and high explosive shells to the same enemy from whom we took them. Newer models of the trophies will be available upon the conclusion of

Advance Training

The War Department said it will inaugurate this fall a voluntary preinduction training program utilizing existing facilities of schools and colleges, to meet present and future needs for properly trained personnel in the armed forces. Out of every 100 men inducted into the Army, about 63 are assigned to duties requiring specialized training, the Department said. The Army said it is organizing and training port batallions (composed mostly of former stevedores) for duty overseas to insure prompt handling of U.S. Military equipment for forces stationed throughout the world. The Department said checks in payment of allowances to dependents of enlisted men of the Army, covering the first applications to be approved, will go out shortly after Sept. 1.

The Navy announced recruiting of enlisted personnel of the Women's Naval Reserve will begin September 11, and training will start October 9 at the University of Wisconsin, Indiana University and Oklahoma A. and M. College.

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Purple Heart Medal For Pyt. Holloway



JOHN P. HOLLOWAY Private, Army Air Force

For Meritorious Service-rendered on the day when the first Japanese bombs landed on Hickam Field -Private John P. Holloway, Army Air Force, was decorated with the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart one afternoon this week.

Brigadier General Jacob H. Rudolph, Army Air Force, presided at the ceremonies preceding the awarding of the honor, and the general pinned the medal on Pvt. Holloway's blouse at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

The medal will be treasured with another prized possession of Pvt. Holloway. It is a pass signed by Captain Colin P. Kelly, the first great hero of the present war, who was formerly the commanding officer of the organization of which Pidgeon. Holloway was a member.

Pvt. Holloway is a native of Alluez, near Green Bay, Wisconsin, and has recently been home on furlough for a visit with his family and friends

ARMY CHAPLAIN'S REALISM JOLTS MOVIE BOND SALE LUNCHEON

Taking a few hours of leave from | can aviators," he said. "For every some of his "boys" buried in the Northern Australia wastelands, took the spotlight away from the visiting movie stars Tuesday as he touched off a resounding keynote to filmdom's September war bond campaign, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

"I fail to comprehend the meaning of this gathering. Please, don't tell me there are still Americans who need to be urged to buy war bonds.

"Don't tell me that we have to sell war bonds with the promise of profit—that Americans still are so stupid they do not realize the handwriting on the wall; that until we give everything we have can we be assured of victory."

These were the words of Captain Edward J. Burns, Army Air Force Chaplain, who was with the first group of American flyers to be sent to Australia after December 7.

These were the words that electrified an audience of nearly 500 that attended a Victory luncheon in the Palace Hotel, an event that formally opened the motion picture industry's September drive to sell one billion dollars in war bonds.

The effect of the chaplain's words was summed up by actor Walter Pidgeon, who decried the fact that Father Burns' address had not been broadcast.

"Father Burns rang the bell," said

Stationed with his air corps unit in a jungle camp, near Port Darwin, Father Burns saw his boys in

"The Japs suffered because of the reckless, cool daring of the Ameri-

Letterman Hospital, a fighting, red- American boy that lies in foreign haired army chaplain, who left soil, for every American plane crushed by enemy action, five or six Japanese and Japanese planes lie crushed, too.

"We have courage, but courage is not enough. We need planes, tanks, ammunition—everything that goes to make for deadly war.

"It is not enough for us to say how much we are to get out of this, but to give, give, give until our sacrifices match those of the boys who are dying out there."

The luncheon, at which \$250,000 worth of bonds were sold, was the opening of the campaign program. The Treasury has set a September quota of war bond sales at \$775 .-000,000, considerably lower than in recent months, but disclosed a plan to build up to a goal of \$2,000,000,-000 in January.

"Victory lunches" that follow food-for-freedom diet rules are now being served to war workers in the cafeterias of one large company. For 30 cents, workers can now get meals consisting of a liberal helping of meat, fish or eggs; vegetables: whole wheat or enriched bread; butter; and milk or a milk dessert.

NOTICE

The Fall season of the Letterman General Hospital Red Cross Unit will open with an informal Tea, Tuesday afternoon, September 8, at three o'clock, Letterman Club.

It is hoped the ladies who are interested in furthering Red Cross work will attend.

LGH Loses Popular Chief Nurse by **Change of Station**



MARTHA A. SMITH Chief Nurse, 1st Lieut., A.N.C.

The old saying that we "have not here a lasting city" is probably being quoted frequently these days in the service, and the latest to demonstrate its veracity is the moving Miss Martha Smith, Chief Nurse, in the Army Nurse Corps, who is leaving for another station.

Miss Smith joined the staff here about four months ago and since then has acquired a working knowledge of the administration of affairs incidental to a large nursing staff. Just to round out her qualifications she has recently completed a tour of duty in the kitchen where the secret of selecting steaks and the like was divulged, and the touch that makes food tasty was developed.

In the good old days we could come right out in print and say that Miss Smith is going to Fort Blank and tell a little of what she might expect to find there, but now all that can be prined is "Miss Smih is going," and let her drop but gently. It was nice to have her in our midst and we hope that someday she will come back again and stay longer.

MEDICO MACHINISTS MAKE MANY REMARKABLE REPAIRS

One of the things that makes our Army the best in the world is that each unit is made to be as self-sufficient as possible-each unit organized to work by itself, dependent only upon itself for efficient operation. For instance, a tank battalion could not function properly in the field or in battle, unless it had facilities and men within it's organization to supply and repair damaged mechanisms and get them back into action quickly; an air force squadron could never be a strong threat to the enemy for any length of time if the unit couldn't repair damaged planes and keep the engines in perfect working order; and in exactly the same light, Letterman Hospital could not function as an efficient organization without the tools peculiar to hospital operation being always available and in perfect condition.

"Tools" in our case, means everything from oxygen tents and surgical instruments to dishwashing machines and typewriters. To keep these tools in finest condition, a shop equipped with the best modern machinery and manned by expert technicians is kept in full swing seven days a week for the maintenance and repair of electrical, mechanical, and all portable equipment used in the hospital, the number and types of which run into the thousands.

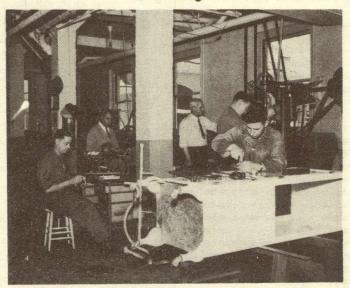
"The Bull O' the Woods," as shop foremen are sometimes called, is Mr. Joseph deFreitas, better known around the lower hospital as "Joe," and he has been with the shop in capacity of head man for the past twenty five years, so there is no phase of equipment repair, modern or ancient, that Joe can't cope with successfully. He has saved the Medical Department plenty of headaches, and money too, in his years as head machinest, in repairs on apparently worn out equipment. "If it looks useless," the medical officers say, speaking of some delicate surgical instrument, "give it to Joe-his boys will have it back as good as new."

Chief enlisted assistant to Mr. de-Freitas is Technician third grade Charles E. Wilcox. An expert on intricate machinery of all kinds, Sgt. Wilcox spends most of his time repairing, cleaning and renewing the three hundred and some typewriters, adding machines and calculators necessary to efficient execution of the vast amount of recording and like a charm. administration work done on the post. It has always been a matter pher F. Gannon, Alfred D. Niemeyer the repair problems and do a good



CHARLES E. WILCOX

Staff Sergeant Technician, Medical Department, who is an expert on repairs for all maes of typewriters—and he keeps his mind strictly on his business even when the cameraman is shooting.



VIEW OF MACHINE SHOP. Left to right: Technician Third Grade Charles E. Wilcox, NCO in Charge of Shop; Mr. Joseph de Freitas, Civilian in Charge of Shop; Adrin B. Smith, Technician Fourth Grade Alfred D. Niemeyer, Technician Fifth Grade Paul B. Benkert.

his good looks that makes him so nician fifth grade Paul Benkert compopular with the fairer half of hos- plete the machine shop personnel. pital personnel, or his ability to make a slow sticky typewriter work line, having had years of experience

of debate on whether or not it is and Charles K. Anthony and Tech-Each of them is an expert in his in their work before joining the Ar-Technicians fourth grade Christo- my. All of them can tackle any of articles is operated for just such in-

job, but for the sake of speed and efficiency, each one specializes in one phase of repair work, and is an authority on his own branch, so that instead of having a handful of "jacks of all trades - masters of none," they are masters of one department, and jacks in all others. Sgt. Anthony is head man of welding work, and assists Sgt. Wilcox on repairing intricate office equipment as well. Sgt. Gannon repairs all of the electrical equipment such as refrigerators, power pumps, vacuums, etc., and is considered one of the best refrigerator experts in the Presidio. Sgt. Niemeyer excels in restoring heavy mess equipment to working order and does a great deal of outside work, as well as handling much of the nickel and copper plating work on fixtures and instruments. Corporal Benkert is a master of long standing on lathe, drill, and milling work, and can turn out anything from a dentists anvil to a machined instrument with ease. All of the shop work is done, of course, under the supervision of Mr. deFreitas, a master craftsman when it comes to precise mechanical work of any kind.

No job is too big or too small for the machine shop and they have yet to attempt a job they could not finish. Not a man in the shop can remember when a problem had to be referred to an outside technical concern, which says a lot for their ingenuity in making repairs.

Every department of the hospital at some time relies on the shop crew to keep them in normal operation. The mess department has stoves, food carts, utensils, coffee urns, mixers, dishwashers and innumberable other gadgets liable to damage and wear, but to keep up high standards of cleanliness and efficiency, and to keep the "chow line" contented, they must be in perfect working orderthat's where the shop technicians are necessary to that department. The professianal services-surgical, medical, eye, ear, nose and throat, and other sections need thousands of tools ready and serviceable-denture manufacturing apparatus, drills, operating tables, oxygen tents, suction pumps, and even an iron lung -instruments of all description and sizes must be maintained in perfect order. A special room containing vats and apparatus for the nickle plating and copperplating of worn

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MEDICO MACHINISTS

(Continued from page two) struments. For the police and personnel section, the shop repairs floor polishers, vacuums, and even adjusts and repairs the clocks that tell us when to come and go.

The shop crew, which holds forth in a wing on the ground floor of the lower hospital just below the physiotherapy department where they can bang and hammer without distrurbing anyone, does far more than routine repairs on everyday gadgetsit isn't a rare occurence for one of the surgical staff to wander down there with a request for a special instrument to fit a particuliar need, an instrument not standardized and not on the market. Making things of his kind, they really enjoy-it gives them the feeling of an inventor doing creative work, and they excel in these things.

To avoid duplication of orders and unnecessary jobs, all work done by the shop is executed at the direction of medical supply in the form of a work order. To have an article repaired or built, a requisition must be filed with Medical Supply, under which the shop operates, and then passed along to Mr. deFreitas, who determines which of his men can best handle the particular type of work. Last month, five hundred separate jobs were completed, not counting repairs and adjustments on nearly two score typewriters and office machines-in itself a full month's job for two men.

The quality of the work turned out by the shop is of the highest standard, and a complaint has yet to be made on a job they returned as "fixed," despite the large volume. In all the various jobs they do, there is only one thing they are ashamed of and they even admit, "Yes, we're the guys responsible for sharpening the knives that enable the mess department to shave the ham so thin!" But they say that sheepishly and apologetically, so as long as it is their duty, we'll forgive them.

More than one-fourth of Great Britain's airplanes now in service in the Near East are from the plants of the American aircraft manufacturers, according to one of Britain's highest-ranking air chiefs, and more than ten per cent of the warplanes defending the British Isles are of United States origin.

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GLIDER TRAINEES LEARNING NEW SILENT AERIAL WARFARE METHODS

lake in the California desert, the U. S. Army Forces operates a glider school for instruction in motorless flying and in the tactics and technique of glider warfare.

The glider is rapidly taking its place in the ever-increasing importance of air power to modern war. Primarily developed for sport, the glider has proven its military worth in several engagements of this war, as a means of swift, silent troop and supply transport.

The acceptance of the glider as an arm of the Army Air Forces opens new opportunities for the flying service to soldiers, men between the ages of 18 and 35 who want to fly but who are unable to qualify as Aviation Cadets. Glider pilot training is now available to men who fall 20/20. slightly short of the educational and physical requirements for Aviation Cadets, and for men who are above the Aviation Cadet age limit of 25 years. The training includes includes instruction in flying a light power plane.

Student glider pilots receive \$75 monthly, in addition to their clothing, food and room, while taking the courses. Upon completion of training all of those who are graduated from the training course are made staff sergeants and receive flight pay, bringing their incomes to \$144 a month. A limited number of glider students who show outstanding ability are selected for commission as second-lieutenants. When commissioned, these men receive the same pay as other flying officers, a minimum of \$225, plus allowances.

Applicants for glider pilot training are divided into two categories: Class A, men who have had flying experience and Class B, beginners Those glider pilot applicants who have had no previous aerial training are given a ten-week course, the first five weeks of which is spent in learning to fly light airplanes. This is followed by three weeks of deadstick landing practice at the same school. The airplane phase of this training is given in completely equipped civilian schools which operate under Army supervision.

The five-week elementary course is equivalent to that given by the Civil Aeronautics Administration and is sufficient to qualify a man for a private airplane license. Upon completion of the eight weeks of

From the bed of an ancient, dry training at the airplane school, two weeks of actual glider flying instruction is then given at the glider school.

> The two-week glider course is given to all students. The first week of gliding will be in sailplanes of the type that has broken all national distance and altitude records. These planes can fly hundreds of miles across country and reach altitudes up to 20,000 feet. The second week is devoted to the use of operative-type gliders, with emphasis on airplane towing, formation and night flying.

> An applicant for the glider forces must be a citizen of the United States and must pass a physical examination. Visual acuity may be 20/40 without glasses, correctible to

The minimum previous aerial experience required for a Class A training rating is as follows:

- 1. Possession of a currently effective Civil Aeronautics Administration Airman's certificate, private grade, or higher, or
- 2. Possession of a lapsed Civil Aeronautics Administration Airman's certificate, private grade or higher, provided that such certificates did not lapse prior to January 1, 1942, or
- 3. Completion of 200 or more glider flights, attested by a certified statement of the applicant, or
- 4. Completion, as a former aviation cadet or aviation student, of at least 50 hours of total flying time either dual or solo, at any Army, Navy, or other service flying school.

Presentation of a certificate or signed statement from a local Civil Aeronautics Administration official that an applicant has had sufficient flying experience to qualify him for glider pilot training may be accepted as a substitute for the requirements three and four.

One company alone has 1,750 research men hard at work in 16 laboratories hunting for bigger and better ways of blasting the Axis.

Fifteen spring and bumper companies have pooled their facilities to build \$25,000,000 worth of armor plate a month.

Homes of night war workers in some localities are marked with special flags in order to insure traffic quiet for daytime sleeping.

CAPTAIN RALSTON RATES A REAL SALUTE FROM ALL



Capt. MAUREEN RALSTON

Captain Maureen Ralston, age 6, has a quick little smile, and her dancing brown eyes and long curls would capture any soldier's heart. The Captain is the official mascotprobably the only child mascot in the United States-of the Women's Ambulance and Transportation Corps of California. She wears the regulation uniform, complete with silver bars on her shoulders and Sam Browne belt, is an excellent parader, and captains at WATC dances, often leading La Conga.

Officers, as well as enlisted men, salute when Captain Maureen Ralston marches down Market Street. Right now she is going over big with the soldiers at Letterman General Hospital

When Maureen is not busy with her soldiering she attends Fairmont School, first grade. She is "Baby" to her mother, Mrs. M. Ralston, 1424 Valencia Street, but what can her older sisters-Roberta, 17, and Wanda, 19-do when she gives orders? They are only privates!

BUY MORE BONDS

War Bond forms 30-5 are now available for those who wish to increase their pay reservation. Make that increase today! See Chaplain Shuder at the War Bond Office, No. 211, Administration Building.

One newly-developed machine at a bomber plant performs 10 boring operations simultaneously, cuts a day's work to two hours, saves \$1,000

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

SALVAGE

The United States is facing a crisis in its War Production Program. The Nation's scrap and salvageable material are needed by war industries to maintain production quotas and get necessary materials to the armed forces-in time.

Every soldier and officer knows the importance of this need and can help materially in meeting it. We must cooperate constantly and earnestly with the national effort to relieve the shortage of critical materials by supplying a continuous flow of salvageable material for use in war production.

We, in the army, must get behind the national scrap campaign and wholeheartedly set an example of cooperative effort to overcome our Nation's raw material shortages in basic industries. Each of us has a job to do: our salvage officer has a job to do; our Nation has a job to do. By doing it, we can make certain that, "For want of a nail-our Country will not be lost."

SUDDEN THOUGHTS

There is nothing in the Articles of War which says a man who is a buck private cannot be a first class soldier.

Most of our failures can be traced to the superstition that other people are not as smart as we are.

I refuse to be an atheist; there is no future in it.

A self-made man is usually a horrible example of unskilled labor.

Insulated pads for tanks, mattresses for soldiers, and rope for the Navy will soon be made from fiber of California's yucca, growing wild on desertland and mountainside.



"Peaches" Monahan, the fleet footed messenger from the Telegraph of Miss Theilmann, head O.T. aide, Office, leaving a bag of his favorite for her new station at O'Reilly Genfruit on the desk of our maid of all eral Hospital, and wish her all good work in the editorial sanctum. He | things in the future. reports that he once came in second in a peach eating contest at Marysville but hopes to lead the pack some day.

Stepan Fetchit, or a reasonable fac-simile thereof, dusting off the wood work on the corridor of the Administration Building.

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Miss Harriet Hagler, walking around on Monday last like a lady who had been doing a lot of horse back riding over the week end. * * *

Colonel "Bert" McKie, doing more than a little house cleaning in and around his desk in anticipation of a

Miss Lillian A. Bucciarelli, formerly a patient and now a full fledged member of the duty personnel of the A.N.C., dropping into the office of the War Bond Officer.

Corporal Dean "Pop" Latimer introducing to the various offices the young lady who is to relieve him of the burden of the Engineer Section of his messenger route. Her name is Eleanor Laherty and everyone asks her what became of the "F".

Easy on the Air Mail to Hawaii

The Chief of Staff of the Army, General George C. Marshall, has directed that steps be taken to insure that only the most urgent official communications be sent to Hawaii via air mail, and that such communications be certified as urgent. He also requests that personal air mail be held to an absolute minimum in cases of real necessity until such time as additional planes are available for this service.

The use of V-mail to those points where the service is in operation will speed up delivery and conserve the space that is so vitally necessary at this time.

Serve in Silence



The nurses regret the departure

Mrs. Ruth Wagner has gone on final leave of absence prior to separation from the active nursing staff of this hospital. For the greater part of the past two years Mrs. Wagner has been the head nurse on Ward A-1 and administered the affairs of the ward with superior skill and outstanding ability. The latch string will always be out whenever she wishes to come back for a visit.

The personnel of the hospital extends a welcome to the newest addition to the Army Nurse Corps stationed here:

Miss Vernola W. McCullough was born in Boston, Massachusetts, where she attended the Girls' High School. Upon graduating from the New England Deaconess Hospital in 1933, she became the surgical and office nurse for a surgeon in Boston, working between his office and the New England Deaconess Hospital where his cases were hospitalized. In December 17, 1940, she joined the Army Nurse Corps, and has been stationed successively at Fort James, Winthrop, Mass., Fort Andrews, Boston, Mass., Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and hence to Letterman General Hospital. Miss Mcullough has two hobbies: knitting socks, sweaters, and suits, and reading travel books.

THE ARMED FORCES

The War Department raised from 45 to 50 the maximum age at which men "who have character, skills or aptitudes which make their enlistment desirable and who are otherwise qualified" and who have draft board permission may enlist in the Army. They will be assigned to overhead units or installations where they will release younger men for general military service, and if fit, they will be used for combat duty, War Secretary Stimson said.

In less than two years, one war material manufacturer has placed 3,800 subcontracts with 725 companies in 151 cities.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, September 6, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00 -

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

WEDDING BELLS

Best wishes and congratulations greeted the announcement by Miss Sarah McCrea, Technician of the Letterman Hospital Laboratory and Technical Sergeant Lyle J. O'Connell of the Civilian Personnel Office of their marriage which took place on Sunday, August 30, at 3:00 o'clock in the atfernoon at the Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Fran-

The bride was smartly attired in a brown dressmaker suit accented by three brown orchids at her shoulder, while Mrs. Bernice LaBelle, who acted as her matron of honor wore an Alice lue suit with a corsage of gardenias.

Sgt. O'Connell wore his olive drab uniform and was attended by Mr. Charles Sullivan as best man.

Following the double ring ceremony the bridal party postponed a honeymoon until a later date.

JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS

Jewish men in the armed forces who wish to attend Temple Services during the coming High Holy Days, which include the New Year Rosh Hashanah), which for the present year begins on Friday, September 11, at sundown, and continues until sundown of Sunday, September 13, and the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) which begins at sundown on Sunday, September 20, and continues until sundown of Monday, September 21, please get in touch with the Chaplain's Office which will make necessary arrangements for you through the Jewish Welfare

Plastic-coated raincoats, which will lighten an Army private's pack by two pounds and save a vast amount of rubber, have been developed by a chemical manufacturer.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Robert C. Kieble, appointed Corporal; and Arthur J. Corrasa, appointed Private First Class

. A welcome is extended to the following men who joined this station during the week: Privates Delmar Baldridge, Walter J. Brazil, John R. Barefocchini, and Leandro M. Perez.

During the past week nine men of the detachment left to attend Officers' Candidate Schools in an effort to win the gold bars of Second Lieutenants. Staff Sgt. Jennings Lyon has set his sights for the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland; Corporal Robert C. Kieble for Medical Administrative Corps at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Corporal Jack Shurtz for Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and Staff Sgts. Howard B. Dow, Albert H. Kachner, William L. Walker and Sgt. Hilbert E. Eslinger, James F. Shumaker and Patrick D. Wilds for Medical Administrative Corps at Camp Barkeley, Texas. The very best of luck and success is wished these men.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

1st Sgt. Calvin Williams practically pulling his hair out when he missed train connections with Mrs. Williams on her recent trip east.

Pvt. Merrill Smart proudly telling of the first prize his young son, Robert Wayne, won in a recent Baby Contest held by the 40 and 8 Club of the American Legion. . . .

S./Sgt. Walter E. Yohe of the Field Mess asking-"Do you draw separate rations?" and then seating all the married men at one table. Does it pay? To be married? * * *

Sgt. Leonard P. Bell's claims that the skating rinks are better in Oakland, therefore the many trips each week across the bay.

Tech./Sgt. Herbert L. Ligier's near-the-top place in the nation's best bridge players.

Three and a half times as many anti-aircraft guns were manufactured in the first six months of this year as in the previous twelve.

PROMOTION FOR THE POST ENGINEER ENHANCES THE POST GOOD CHEER



Major WESLEY E. COVERT, C. E. Post Engineer

Two weeks ago there appeared in pairs and the job is done before the this paper a brief notice in which cooks and KP's have to take to the congratulations were extended to Major Wesley E. Covert on his promotion to the rank of Major.

In keeping with established custom the major had been photographed and a reporter sent to interview him for a story to accompany the photo on publication. The reporter came back with the terse announcement: "The Major won't talk."

That was not a bit surprising as the major is one of our silent partners in this organization, and only on rare occasions does he indulge in what might be called conversation. He probably considers idle chatter a waste of the energy he needs for the routine performance of his duties as the Post Engineer.

Some six months ago when the Utilities were divorced from the Quartermaster and turned over to the Corps of Engineers, it was the then Captain Covert who reported for duty in charge of Utilities. He came unheralded except for the advance copy of his official orders and took over very quietly the task of order that fell within his domain.

When there is a leaking pipe in any of the ward kitchens the Utilities Office gets the call to make re- thing.

boats. When a fuse blows out it is again Major Covert's post electrician who responds with a new fuse and the ward-master can save his pennies instead of using the small copper coin as a temporary fuse. Or over in the officers' quarters there may be a squeaking board on a stairway-a condition which renders it hazardous to slip in quietly after an evening with the boys at the cluband the post carpenter shows up with the necessary tools to silence the board and maintain domestic harmony.

To sum it all up, the Utilities Department is a very necessary section of the organization here, and without it there would be little if any of the high reputation Lettermman Hospital has earned for service to the patients.

Promotion came to Major Covert for efficient performance of the duties entrusted to his charge and even with gold leaves on his shoulder loop he will be just as approachable to the lady who would like her floors done over or perhaps same keeping everything in good working new linoleum on the kitchen floor. The major has learned that a contented command is one in which the better halves get the best of every-

Sports Slants From Other Camps

Camp Roberts, Cal., boasts one of the best service baseball teams in the country. The last we heard they had won 15 out of 18 games against tough opposition.

Boxing is the most popular sport of the soldiers stationed in Hawaii. To give you an idea of the "sock 'em for keeps" bouts that they have . . . a recent card consisted of seven bouts, and all ended in knockouts. That, brother, is not for any course. is par for any course!

They're getting a football team in shape at Ft. Riley, Kas., and one of the first teams they'll meet early this fall is the University of Missouri Tigers.

Scott Field, Ill., held its annual track and field meet recently. The team championship went to the 93rd Technical School Squadron, and individual scoring honors were won by Pvt. James F. were won by Pvt. James F. Scouler, who proved himself to be practically a one man track team by taking four firsts: the broadjump, 100-yard dash, 220-yard low hurdles, and the 120-yard high hurdles.

Golf has taken the front in the soldiers' sportlight during the last few weeks at Ft. Sheridan, Ill. Most popular is the weekly golf driving contest in which the prizes are cartons of cigarettes.

With football still to come, Ft. With football still to come, Ft. Monmouth, N. J., has already started angling for cage games with Rutgers, Princeton, Long Island University, and other top flight college fives. They are also negotiating with Ned Irish, promoter of basketball at Madison Square Garden in New York City for a Garden date. for a Garden date.

Ft. Sill, Okla., plans to hold a swimming tournament sometime during the latter part of August. The meet will be held on an individual competition basis. Eliminations will be held in the usual swimming and diving events, after which the finals will determine the post champions.

The Will Rogers Field, Okla., baseball team has a very eccentric southpaw pitching for them. His name is Pvt. Elmer "Not-the-Great" McGahan. Two weeks after shutting out a local ball club 11-0, the same team scored 16 runs against him and left 19 runners on the bases!

Fishing is a popular sport with the soldiers stationed at the Bermuda Base Command during their off hours. Main reason is that their camp paper awards a \$10.00 prize for the largest fish caught!

There are four extant copies of the Magna Charta.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. SIDNEY ROYSE

Blue grass and race horses are synonomous with any mention of the state of Kentucky - especially when it is mentioned by Pvt. Sidney Royse, who was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on February 23, 1921. To him, Kentucky is "tops," and his greatest wish is to go back to the place where he spent his early years helping his mother and four brothers and sisters manage the farm which was their home and livelihood.

However, he didn't just stick to farming, but showed himself to be a man of enterprise and ability, expanding into a business of his own. With his knowledge of crops and marketing, he conceived the idea of buying a truck and picking up fruit and vegetables in one part of the state, and marketing them in another section where there was a demand for that particular produce; then picking up a load in that particular town and traveling to another locality where the market was good. In this way he turned the law of supply and demand to his own profit.

With one brother who has been in the service for eighteen years, Pvt. Royse felt that it was only natural to choose the Army when he enlisted October 6, 1941, at Ft. Thomas in Kentucky. He was sent to Camp Grant in Illinois for training, and then to San Francisco in January of this year. When he arrived at Letterman Hospital it was to be only a temporary stay, as he was presumably en route for foreign service, however, he is still here and likes it well enough to stay quite a while longer.

Fiber from a common mallow plant that grows wild in the West Indies, Central and South America, is being substituted in large quantities for East Indian jute in making batting and cord.

MINIMUM APPOINTMENT STANDARD RAISED FOR FUTURE HOSTESSES

considerably increase the minimum requirements for appointment as service club hostesses and librarians from the service upon attaining their at Army posts, nearly 90 per cent of forty-fifth birthdays. the present applicants cannot satisfy the basic requirements, it was announced today at the headquarters ful applicants be graduates of acof Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, at Fort Douglas,

Applications for appointment as hostesses and librarians in the eight western states are being received at General Joyce's headquarters. None will be considered but those from persons who possess the new minimum requirements.

Principal hostesses must be U. S. citizens between 30 and 45 years old at appointment, graduates of an accredited college or university, and have at least five years' experience in adult group and mass recreation. two years of which were in an executive or managerial capacity. Experience in nursing, business administration, dramatics, music, social and welfare work will be considered assets but are not required. Salary is \$2300 a year.

Cafeteria hostesses must be citizens between 25 and 40 years old, graduates of a recognized college of home economics or of a recognized college with further home economics training. They must have had three years' experience in management and operation of a cafeteria or equivalent work in an institution, camp, or hotel. They must have a professional background of information and specific knowledge and ability in the food field. Salary is \$2300

Assistant hostesses must be citizens between 25 and 40 years old, college graduates and have at least three years' experience in planning and directing social or recreational activities in or with educational, recreational, or similar organizations. Preference may be given those with training in recreation, either as undergraduates or in a recognized graduate school. Experience in business administration and in a wide variety of recreational activities is desirable but not required. Salary is \$1800 per year.

It is expected that Government quarters will be provided for hostesses and deductions made to cover near your chicken house?" the cost. Principal hostesses will be

Because new Army Regulations separated from the service upon attaining their fiftieth birthdays. Other hostesses will be separated

> Minimum qualifications for Army camp librarians require that successcredited library schools or the equivalent; have at least one year of experience, other than clerical, in library work and be familiar with the use of modern library methods: possess tact, energy, and resourcefulness; and be women who have passed their twenty-fifth but not their fortieth birthdays. Salary for librarians, with quarters provided, is \$1820 per year. If Government quarters are not available the salary is \$2000.

> Qualified applicants for the posifrom which personnel will be se-

> Applications should be addressed to the Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas,

Controlling the Cost of Living

President Roosevelt said he would announce his new anti-inflation program in a nation-wide address the evening of Labor Day, and would send a message to Congress earlier the same day. He told his Press conference that forthcoming steps to control the cost of living will include stabilization of farm prices as well as wages, because neither could be stabilized without the other. He said wage stabilization would be flexible and would not amount to flat freezing of wages and salaries. The President also said the Government is considering one meatless day a week as a plan to be used largely as a means of saving oceanic shipping space for the total war effort. He said under the plan, American meat could be shipped to Nations in need, and this would make 30 to 40 allied ships available for hauling war necessities to world-wide theaters of United Nations War activities.

"Aren't your neighbors honest, Rastus?"

"Yessir, dey is."

"Then why the loaded shotgun

"Day's to keep 'em honest."

ON THE SPOT



Sat. JOHN F. DORTON

A native of Kentucky, the state . noted for its southern hospitality and friendliness, Sgt. John F. Dorton upholds these traditions in the very best manner as host to his many visitors while a patient on Ward D-1. And after four months in his "bed in the corner." Dorton receives an ever-increasing stream of visitors retions will comprise an eligible list vealing that Southern gentleman personality. From the duty personnel of the ward comes the report that feminine visitors are especially notable for their numbers and beauty.

> Sgt. Dorton was born in Jenkins, Kentucky, coal-mining country in the eastern part of the state. Until he was sixteen years old he lived in that town, then moved with his family to Wise, West Virginia, where he received his high school educa-

He had made up his mind to join the Army as soon as he was out of school, and proceeded to Fort Hoyle. Maryland, and enlisted August 12. 1937. After two years with the 6th Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle, he transferred to another Field Artillery outfit which promised more activity than a man would find in a peace-time garrison. In this he was not disappointed. For over two years he led a nomadic existence which took him here, there, and everywhere with his organization. He finally landed at some far off place where he met with the accident which resulted in his hospitalization for injuries.

Dorton was promoted to Corporal in August, 1940, and was awarded the chevrons of a Sergeant in June of 1941. Although still a bed patient he maintains he has not stopped climbing.

A Cleveland airparts company encourages workers to keep machinery clean by painting its machinery light colors (blue and cream).



To Captain and Mrs. Fred C. Weyand, Coast Artillery, a daughter, Carolyn Anne Weyand, born August 29, weight six pounds, ten ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. Raymond Paul Pyle, A.A.F., a son, Marion Le-Roy Pyle, born August 30, weight six pounds, four and one half ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Ivan M. Dickey, M.A.C., a son, John Austin Dickey born August 31, weight six pounds, thirteen ounces.

OUR MAIL BAG

Dear Sir:

A short time ago I asked you to deliver to the personnel of your hospital a circular showing the courses being offered during the Fall Semester of Galileo Evening High School, Van Ness Avenue and Francisco Street. Already I have had inquiries from men in Letterman as to registering in this school. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

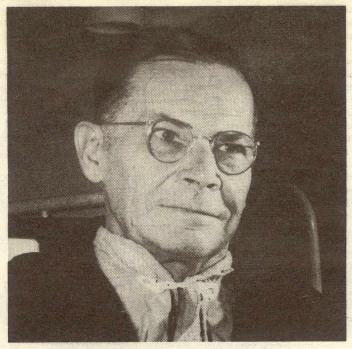
Since running off the circular mentioned above, a course in the Japanese language has been added to our courses offered. Believing that the knowledge of this language would be beneficial to those who are soon to meet people of this race, we have included this class in our school. I would appreciate having you draw to the attention of the men and officers at Letterman General Hospital the establishment of this course.

Very truly yours, /S/ William E. Baker, Principal.

RATIONING

Tire quotas will have to follow a downward trend the rest of this year to keep within the amount of rubber earmarked by the WPB for the purpose, the Office of Price Administration said. The office asked local possible interpretation" of an amendment to tire rationing regulations restricting truck eligibility to vehicles health and safety.

MEET THE MAN WHO KNOWS ALL THE ANSWERS-AND HAS 'EM RIGHT, TOO



WILLIAM E. CORLEY Master Sergeant, Coast Artillery

Visitors to the hospital during the to hand, because he carried the past week or two may have noted a answers around in his head. keen-eyed patient strolling along the touch of the buzzer was all the Adramps in the vicinity of the medical jutant needed to bring Bill in with side and were they aware of his the approved solution. Occasionally, identity many would have taken a longer look at Master Sergeant William E. Corley, Coast Artillery, United States Army.

"Bill," as Corley is known to his intimates, approaches very closely to the ideal "old soldier" who first evoked the truism that the noncommissioned officers are the backbone of the army. During the twenty-nine years of active duty performed by Sergeant Corley, he built up a reputation for knowing the answer to any question in connection with his profession.

The writer served with him for several years at Fort Winfield Scott where "Bill" was very valuable asset to the headquarters staff. All of the problems arising in any organization eventually get to the Adjutant and the Sergeant Major and the solution to most may only be arrived at by means of a thorough knowledge of regulations and a more than rationing boards for the "strictest passing acquaintance with the Manual of Courts Martial.

Books are always available for reference on the knotty points, but essential to the War effort or public the trouble shooters at Scott were fortunate in having Corley so close good in his sight.

someone would come up with a case not apparently covered by the Manual and the gang would anticipate in high glee the prospect of "stumping" Bill, but that never really happened because Bill would counter with: "If you will look on page 363, of the Digest of Opinion of the J.A.G., the fine print at the bottom will give you your answer," as it invariably did.

Sergeant Corley held a commission as Captain during World War I, and you might think he preferred to recall that as the outstanding topic of conversation during these days of World War II. You would be mistaken. Bill likes nothing better than to tell you about his boy. The boy was graduated from West Point this year and who is now with the Army Air Force. A boy who will keep the name of Corley on the roster of the active list of the Regular Army. A boy who takes after his Dad in a way that Dad would wish.

Those keen eyes of "Bill" Corley are looking toward the future, and the vision which presents itself is

One Is Born Every Minute—and Two To Take Him

Taking a chance in a game of chance becomes folly when a soldier pits his amateurism against the pro fessional card "sharp" or dice "hawk."

Unscrupulous professional gamblers are realizing an unbelievable "take" from members of the armed services. Some of these crooked gamblers are being exposed, but not all of them. A more effective means of eliminating the menace is to convince soldiers that they cannot win against professional gamblers.

There is evidence that all dice and card players in the Army are not "simon pure." It has come to the attention of Army officials that certain members of the armed forces have ordered sets of loaded dice. In one case a soldier boasted that he had won \$14,000 (sounds incredible) from his fellows

Another warning which should make soldiers think twice before engaging in games of chance is contained in the words of Magician John Scarne. His revelations about crooked gambling formed the basis for an illustrated article on the tricks of dicemen and card sharps, which appeared recently in a weekly maga-

Loaded dice are not always easy to detect, unless a glass of water or similar testing device is handy. If loaded dice are dropped in a glass of water, the same spots will turn up repeatedly. There's also such a thing as misspotted dice. This particular species has three sides duplicated, making it impossible to roll a 7 or an 11

When it comes to playing cards, soldiers should be wary of the man with a nimble set of fingers. And as for the shell game, the old standby, it is a sure-fire way for a chump to part with his pay. The operator simply palms the rubber pea while the victim is scratching his head about which of the three shells it is under. After the choice is made, the pea is slipped beneath one of the other two.

Under an employee - suggestion plan now in operation in one company a worker can earn as much as a \$1,000 defense bond for an idea that increases production on his own job, improves quality, saves material, reduces waste or improves working conditions.

Letterman Ten Wins City Soft Ball Championship

The Letterman ten won the Class "B" championship of the City Baseball League on Monday evening when the hospital players defeated the strong Hirsch & Price team for the second consecutive time in the playoffs by a score of four to one.

The highlight of the evening was the masterful pitching by our ace, Jack Craig, who allowed but two scattered hits; one in the first inning, the other in the third frame.

The two teams battled on even terms until the fourth inning when Al Giovenetti, the first man at bat hit a sizzling double to center field, and scored when George Layrer pounded a home run to deep center field, the only four-ply wallop of the evening.

Letterman put the game on ice in the sixth inning by scoring two more runs on another single by Al Giovenetti, and scored on a triple into left field by Jack Craig. Craig scored on a long fly ball hit into center field by Germone.

The hospital lads had the game well in hand throughout the evening, their lead being threatened but once, that coming in the fifth inning when Hirsch and Price scored one run on a walk and two errors.

The complete score:

LETTERMAN

	AB.	H.	R.
DeMello, c	. 3	0	0
Giovenetti, ss	. 3	2	2
Craig, p	. 3	1	1
Leyrer, 2b	. 3	1	1
Germone, sf		0	0
Carlson, 3b	. 2	0	0
Anderson, 1b		0	0
Morey, rf			
Edmondson, rf	. 2	1	0
Evans, cf	. 2	0	0

HIRSCH & PRICE

Juddon's Comment	AB.	H.	R.
Klung, rf	. 3	0	1
Flynn, ss	. 3	2	0
Heinbouck, 2b	. 3	0	0
Liss, If	. 3	0	0
Kasich, 3b	. 3	0	0
Ahern, cf	. 3	0	0
Evans, 1b	. 3	0	0
Riggbey, sf	. 3	0	0
Brooks, c	. 3	0	0
McMidnight, p	. 3	0	0
SCORE BY INNIN			

Letterman 0 0 0 2 0 2 x-4 Serve in Silence

Hirsch & Price 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-1

THE LAST GATHERING OF THE OLD GANG



Wounded veterans of that December Day assembled for a group photo just before the break up caused by discharges from the hospital. Left to right, standing: Pfc. Garrett C. Tyre, Tech. Sgt. Verne Debes, Pvt. Wallace A. Kempen, Pvt. Paul Boyer, Corp. Noel Durbin, Pvt. Anthony Traveline. Seated: Staff Sgt. Robert H. Baldwin, Pvt. Sidney A. Davis, and Pvt. Edward L. Allen.

The American Red Cross Launches **New Rescue Plan**

Aid to torpedoed seamen literally will come from the skies as the result of a new rescue project launched jointly by the Navy Department and The American Red Cross.

Buoyant, waterproof bags, containing emergency food and water rations and medical supplies will be dropped by Navy patrol blimps to seamen drifting in lifeboats and rafts, Chairman Norman H. Davis, of the American Red Cross, announced today.

"This development is another step by the Red Cross to provide the 'soldiers' of the merchant marine with the quickest and best care possible.' Charman Davis said. "The Red Cross already is supplying the Navy with emergency clothing kits for survivors of torpedoed merchant and 100 waterproof bags.

ships. Now, in cooperation with the Navy, it will be possible to extend assistance to survivors before they are actually picked up by rescue vessels."

The suggestion that food and medical supplies be dropped to victims of torpedoings was first advanced by authorities at the Lakehurst, N. J., Naval Air Station, at whose request the Red Cross Disaster Relief Service made up a small number of the emergency kits for experimental purposes. The experiment proved so successful that the Navy decided to make the kits a part of its regular rescue equipment.

In addition to food, water, and medical supplies, the kits also will contain a can opener, a flashlight, cigarettes and matches. To get the project under way, the Navy has asked the Red Cross for 100 can openers, 100 flashlights, 400 packages of cigarettes, 800 packs of matches,

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

September 8 and 9

GAY SISTERS-Barbara Stanwyck and George Brent. Also Short Subjects.

September 10 and 11

SULLIVAN'S TRAVELS-Joel Mc-Crea and Veronica Lake. Also Short Subjects.

September 12 and 13

MY FAVORITE BLONDE - Bob Hope' and Madeline Carroll. Also Short Subjects.

Engaged in turning out anti-aircraft guns on a mass production basis, workers of one automotive company have formed a Gun of the month Club for the purpose of presenting, as a gift to the nation, one of the guns each month. Output of these guns is now nearly three times higher than called for in the original contract.

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Colonel McMillan Takes Over The Executive Duties,

One of the changes incident to the current state of affairs in the world around us has resulted in the assumption of the duties of the Executive Officer of this command by Colonel Clemens W. McMillan, Medical Corps.

Colonel McMillan is a native of Texas and a graduate of Barnes Medical College. He is now in his forty-second year of service in the army and well equipped by experience and long training for the office he now holds.

Prior to reporting for duty at Letterman the colonel was the post surgeon at the Presidio of San Francisco and in February of this year he was assigned to duty as Chief of the Outpatient Service where his long years in the practice of medicine made him a valuable asset to the command. The Outpatient Service has expanded with the growth of the army and despite the increase in the demands on his staff Colonel McMillan administered his office in keeping with the high standard which is characteristic of the hospital as a whole.

His many friends in the vicinity have been dropping in for a minute or two to extend good wishes to the new Executive Officer.

Some have been curious enough to put the question: "Now that you have a new Exec. what did you do with the old one?" and the answer to that is "He was not old."

Steel saved by banning nail files for the duration will make forty-four 155 mm. guns, 46,000 .40 caliber machine guns or 575 sixteen-inch shells.

In a recently perfected electrical hook-up, a neon tube can be mounted on the instrument panel of a plane to inform the pilot the instant any engine develops trouble.



COLONEL CLEMENS W. McMILLAN, M. C. Executive Officer, Letterman General Hospital

Vacancies Created For JAG Officers In Expanded Officers

The procurement objective granted The Judge Advoate General under the provisions of AR 605-10 has been amended to authorize the appointment as officers of the Army of the United States for duty with The Judge Advocate General's Office of warrant officers and enlisted men who are now in the service.

The Judge Advocate General will consider applications for temporary appointment as officers in the Army of the United States for duty with The Judge Advocate General's Department, from warrant officers and enlisted men of the Army who—

- a. Have excellent records.
- b. Have more than four months' enlisted service.
- c. Are duly licensed attorneys at law in good standing.
- d. Have practical experience in the practice of law. Four years experience is desirable but is not essential for appointment in grades below that of captain.

It is desired that commanders assist the Judge Advocate General in attaining his procurement objective by accepting applications from candidates of the above category on W. D., A. G. O. Form 0850. Report thereof on W. D., A. G. O. Form 63, and the Form 0850, properly executed, will be forwarded with the recommendation of the commander concerned, through channels, to the Office of The Judge Advocate General.

The grade to be offered in each case will be determined by the War Department.

The opportunities afforded by this letter will be given wide publicity in all commands and activities.

A straw hat manufacturer, with only minor changes in his machinery, obtained an order for 100,000 caps for army fatigue uniforms.

LIEUT. REED ABANDONED VERBAL BOMBS FOR REAL THING

When a man starts out to be a journalist there is really no telling where or why or how he will wind up. Whether there is innate versatility in the germ which gives birth to the notion or most journalists yearn to escape from the morass in which they find themselves once having adopted the newspaper profession is not very clear. Here is the story of a man who mastered the art of tossing verbal bombshells in printer's ink and then one fine December morning found himself at the receiving end of the real thing.

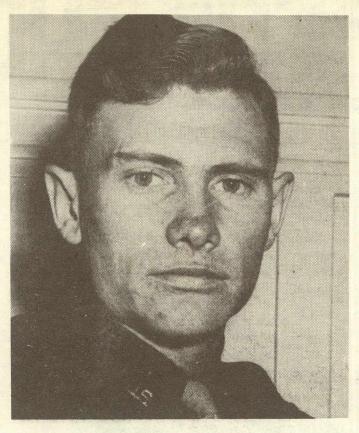
Lieutenant Marston C. Reed is a mid-western by birth, as Kansas City, Kansas, was the city in which he was born, and that day was September 3, 1917. Until 1927 he lived in Kansas City, and then moved to Lexington, Nebraska, where he lived for the next three years. In 1930 he moved to Torrington, Wyoming, and attended high school in that city, graduating in 1934.

Desiring to explore the journalistic fields, he enrolled at the University of Nebraska. As an afterthought Lieut. Reed added, "Of course, I had many friends in that particular school, and that possibly influenced my decision somewhat. At any rate, I got my A.B. degree in 1938 with Journalism and Advertising as my major and minor fields and left school to see if I could make a living with them."

He could! Reed's first stop was in Alliance, Nebraska, where a semiweekly publishing house offered him his start. His "job" was thorough, he states, and covered everything from editing to linotype operating. "Before I was through I even smelled of ink like a printer, I guess!"

"With an 'nth sense of wanderlust needing a bit of pampering, I decided to leave Alliance and drift south," said the Lieutenant. "And whether I was tired, hungry or what, I ended up in Houston, Texas, and obtained a position with the advertising department of one of the oil companies down there." Reed went on to say that he stayed with that company for a year and a half, or until he was inducted into the service.

In the fall of 1940 Reed took cognizance of the war clouds and decided to enroll at Randolph Field for training. This he did, but stated the waiting list, even at that time, was long, so he returned to Houston to await notification. On Janu-



MARSTEN C. REED 1st Lieut., Army Air Force

lost all hope of ever getting into the of our batteries bursting rather Air Corps - "Not that I had anything against the Infantry! Don't get me wrong there! I had a swell time with those boys!" he said. "And the four months I put in at Camp Bowie, Texas, as a Private in the Infantry will not be forgotten, he said emphatically.

The month of May was the big month for Lieut. Reed. He received his orders to report to the California Aero School at Ontario, California, in preparation for hoped-for gold bars of the 2nd Lieutenant, Maintenance Group, A.C. From California to Lowry Field, Denver, was his next step, and he graduated from Lowry Field in September. Before receiving his commission Reed had a ninety-day period of duty and instruction ahead of him, and he was sent to Hawaii to complete this time.

"It was a peaceful Sunday morning, December 7th, when we started out early to take some pictures on the Islands," said Reed. "Several of ary 7, 1941, Reed was inducted into us-all Cadets awaiting our commisthe Army as a Private in the In- sions-were riding in an automobile inside."

fantry. He states that for awhile he when we first noticed the "ack" fire close to what we thought were our bombers. And the ammunition was live. However, we didn't dwell on the subject, deciding it must be practice, and proceeded to the harbor where we saw shipping being bombed. Yes, it was the Japs; and we hi-tailed it back to our station immediately. We arrived just as one group of enemy bombers had laid their eggs, and started to set up duty," he says that with care and some 50-caliber guns for the next group coming in. I set up one gun and returned to pick up another. duty. As I turned to step into an open door-Woosh! The Japs had dropped another bomb and I had caught what felt like a football in the side and down I plopped!

> "A strange thing about that wound," continued Reed, "it didn't hurst, but it did shock me. It was where my heart was supposed to be, and I felt something give inside me, so I thought it was my heart and decided to move out of the way of operations. I just got up and walked

Lieutenant Reed was hospitalized in the Islands until the latter part of February before being sent to Letterman Hospital for further surgery and convalescence. It was during the first week after the raid that Reed exchanged the title of Cadet for that of 2nd Lieutenant, Air Corps.

To the Lieut, it seemed only fair that he be sent back to the States to make room in the hospitals on the Islands for the men who needed them more than he did. He refused to believe he was wounded as badly as he was, and confided that he even cheated on the thermometer readings to expedite his removal. However, he has since been convinced that his wound was more than just a scratch -and the two-inch bomb fragment taken from his chest would seem evidence enough. Lieutenant Reed continues to argue that he "has to feel sick before he will admit it."

When the boat on which Reed returned sailed into San Francisco harbor, the sight of the Golden Gate bridge was very clear in his mind as something very tangible for which we are now fighting.

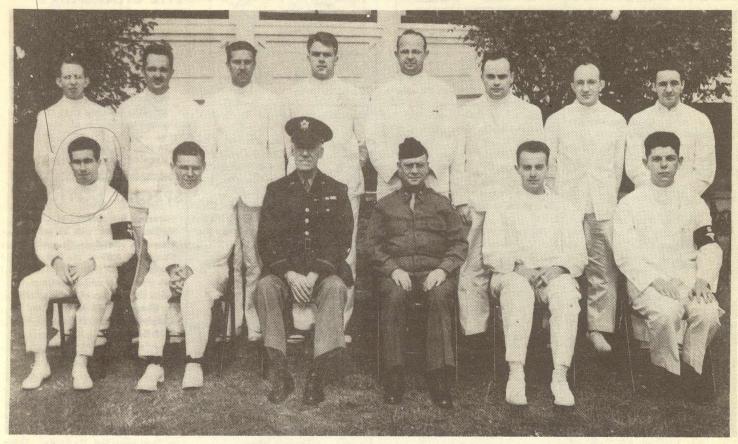
"Of course I wanted a crack at the enemy for the personal hurt they had caused, but that was unimportant - there in that bridge was a symbol of everything American toil, heartache, progress, enterprise and freedom - and it all had to be preserved."

The manner in which Lieut. Reed has cooperated as a patient is evidence that he is doing his part to return to duty. In addition, he has made Bond Sales tours in an effort to present graphic proof of the necessity of unselfish all-out war by every one. And though he faces the certainty of being placed on "limited corrective exercises he intends to be back into it again - and on active

On Easter Sunday, April 5th of this year, Miss Evalyn Adams of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Lieutenant Reed were married. And though it has been a no-honeymoon proposition, Mrs. Reed has set up housekeeping in San Francisco while waiting for the Lieutenant to be returned to duty.

Lieut. Reed received the Order of the Purple Heart for Meritorious Service in the Islands on August 4, 1942.

GENERAL HOSPITAL-IN TERNE CLASS OF 1943



Seated left to right-Dr. Raoul C. Psaki, Georgetown University; Dr. Frank W. Lynn, Rush Medical College; Brigadier General Frank W. Reed, Commanding General; Colonel A. B. McKie, Executive Officer in Charge of Interne Training; Dr. Felix R. Shepley, University of St. Louis; Dr. Stanleigh Erler, University of Southern California. Standing left to right-Dr. Joseph A. Pence, University of Kansas; Dr.

Frank B. Roger, Ohio State University; Dr. Christian Gronbeck, Jr., University of Vermont; Dr. William W. Currence, University of Maryland; Dr. William B. Virgin, Tulane University; Dr. John B. Westfall, Indiana University; Dr. Clyde G. Sussman, Indiana University; Dr. Guy E. Ervin, Ohio State University.

Bulletin On Free Mail Privilege Is Issued By P. O.

issued the following notice: "Some postmasters refuse to accept for mailing free of postage letters and post cards mailed by members of the United States military or naval forces under the provisions of the law embodied in amended section 515, Postal Laws and Regulations, because the name of the sender, his rank or rating, designation of the service to which he belongs, and the word FREE are typewritten, handstamped, or printed on the envelopes and cards instead of being hand-written, while in other cases such envelopes and cards are rated up with postage due.

While, in the notice published in the Postal Bulletin for July 10, 1942, it was stated that such inscriptions is exhausted, with the understanding for the extra material. He couldn't cated it for him!

The Post Office Department has shall be in the handwriting of the sender on the envelopes or cards, in order to be accepted free of postage, it was not contemplated that where such inscriptions are typewritten, hand stamped, or printed in whole or in part the matter should be refused or postage due collected on delivery. In such instances the postmasters at the offices of mailing should, when feasible, advise the senders or the commanding officers as to the requirements in this respect.

> Cards and envelopes which have already been printed with the name of the sender, his rank or rating, the designation of the services to which he belongs, and the word FREE may

that thereafter these inscriptions will be hand-written. Printers and others supplying envelopes and cards to members of the armed forces should discontinue the practice of printing these inscriptions."

Laff of the Week

A New England sergeant toiled and sweated digging himself a foxhole during field exercises. Then he set about camouflaging it with pine bough, dead leaves and bare branches. Stepping back, he viewed his work, pronounced it good, but decided one more branch would make it better. Strolling off 15 or 20 yards, he found a branch and find the foxhole himself-until an be accepted until the supply on hand started back. There was no need organized search by his squad lo-

Monologist Will **Entertain for Patients**

Mrs. Anita Johnson, well-known monologist, will present a special entertainment for the patients and personnel of Letterman Hospital on Sunday, September 13 at the Recreation Center from 2:00 to 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The program, which will present Mrs. Johnson in a number of humorous readings, was arranged by courtesy of Mrs. E. O. Sawyer, Jr.

> Serve in Silence "Buy More WAR BONDS"

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

LOYALTY

The loyal citizen must have a greater loyalty to his country and to its laws than he has to any individual, or group, and his first loyalty must be to his God and Country. Loyalty to God cannot interfere with loyalty to your own country. It does not interfere with loyalty to its rulers except where it is ruled by tyrant's who usurp the prerogatives of God Himself. Those who crush the liberties of the people are never entitled to loyalty and it should not be given to them.

The so-called "Pacifist" who does not believe in what he calls legalized murder, death in war, has a perfect right to his convictions, but he cannot hide behind these convictions to avoid defending his country when necessity arises.

It is quite true that war is objectionable in its every feature and horrible in many of them, but it is impossible to protect the world, and especially our loved ones, against criminality and brute force except by opposition with a greater force and power. The Indivi-dual who will not fight in defense of his loved ones and of his own country, maintains this attitude in practically all cases because he is not personally endangered (and as an added incentive he does not desire to be), yet it is only the men who fight the battles that make it safe for those who stay at

arguments against war are of about and make permanent a but little avail so long as there friendly spirit between the naare powerful nations who de- tions of the world; on the other sire to subjugate or conquer hand it is unsafe and idiotic for other nations. It is the duty of any nation to practice the poliall right minded individuals to cy of nonresistance.



The notice in the Daily Bulletin advertising for sale one fairly good auto. Sgt. O'Connell, recent benedict, has discovered that when a man has a wife he cannot also have a car.

Colonel Oscar Nolan whispering to our reporter that some mention should be made of the piano lessons taken by Major William Ice and a progress note added to the report. . . .

The perennial smile on the face of Lewis Horstmyer, who has been a sick patient on Ward "G," but now coming along very favorably.

Miss Virginia Cuppins making her daily visit to her brother on Ward B-1, and Harold Glanders enjoying the company of his dad who came all the way from Chicago.

Sergeant. Nathan. Kaplan, the wardmaster on E-2, smoking a big cigar and declining to tell who had been promoted or where he promoted the smoke.

The second chair in the barber shop dominated by a new operator. Gus has gone to the army but we hope he will not go too far.

Sergeant .. Strickland .. completely sold out on postal money orders one day this week.

Captain George Ekman getting in condition for the stair climbing he will be doing in the near future.

Buying of War Bonds

The Treasury Department announced sales of war bonds in August totaled \$697,255,000 in bonds through the ten per cent payroll savings plan, compared with 18,000,-000 persons and \$200,000,000 in July. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau announced state war bond quotas for September, totaling \$775,000,000 for the country.

All of the sophistry used as do all in their power to bring



Miss Ellen Early bids good bye to her friends on leaving for her new station at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Miss Catherine M. Flatley, Chief Nurse, hopes to enjoy the warm climate of San Bernardino where she has been ordered for duty. . . .

Miss Mary Jordan, former Chief Nurse during the days of World War I, was a guest of Miss Knierim during the week.

It Is Nice To Be Remembered By The Folks Back Home

The people of one community in Chicago are setting a very fine example to the rest of the country by the practical way in which the young men leaving their section for the armed services, are remembered.

This came to light recently when Sgt. Daniel Horan, one of our patients, was agreeably surprised to receive the following letter:

> "Chicago, Illinois September 4th, 1942

Dear Friend:

On August 28th, the people of our neighborhood held a street dance and War Bond raffle for the purpose of doing something for our own friends who are in the armed forces.

Our party was a complete success, everyone cooperating 100 percent, even the weather was perfect. All who attended had a swell time and we estimate that there were over one thousand people who dropped in to see the festivities.

We got a big thrill out of doing this and hope you have as much fun spending the enclosed money order as we have in sending it.

> Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors."

Enclosed in the letter was a check for \$12.50.

The good people of that community are to be congratulated on their appreciation for what the men of the armed forces are doing for the country at large.

A Chicago man has invented a device to hold a telephone on a person's shoulder, leaving both hands free.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, September 13, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

SPECIAL NOTICE

During the absence of Chaplain McKenna there will be only one Mass on Sundays in the Post Chapel at 8:00 a. m. One of the priests from the University of San Francisco will officiate at the Mass. Emergency calls for a Catholic Chaplain will be answered by Chaplain Hatton from Fort Winfield Scott.

THE WAR FRONT

After ten straight raids without a loss, two U.S. Flying Fortress bombers were reported as missing September 7 following the greatest American aerial attack of the War on Nazi-occupied France. Three squadrons of the big bombers attacked the airframe factory at Meaulte, near Albert, for the second time, while a fourth squadron bombed the St. Omer Airfield. In the raids the forstresses destroyed five enemy fighters and probably destroyed 13 more, and damaged another 25. The bombers were escorted by 400 allied fighters, three of which were shot down.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

September 15 and 16

CROSS ROADS - William Powell and Hedy Lamarr. Also Short Subject.

September 17 and 18

THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI-John Payne and Maurine O'Hara. Also Short Subjects.

September 19 and 20

VALLEY OF THE SUN-James Craig and Lucille Ball. Also Short Subjects.



Adolph, Benito and Hirohito -the three blind mice. Make them run with ten percent of your income in War Bonds every pay day.

ON THE SPOT



GEORGE L. DUSEK Pfc. Infantry

Although Pfc. George L. Dusek is a natient in Ward N-1 like any true redhead, he is still in good enough shape to fight back when disparaging remarks are made about his home town, Victoria, Texas, where he was born March 12, 1916. Although his population claim of 16,000 fades to 11,566 on actual check, he is correct about its being fine beef cattle and farming country in the south-eastern part of the state.

His early years were spent in Victoria where he attended school and helped on the family farm, which was planted in cotton and corn. These years spent in caring for the crops and the endless routine and hard work of managing a farm molded him into a big, tough piece of human machinery, capable of completing any hard job that fell his wav.

Unlike most young men who leave the farm for the city, when he moved misses. to Houston, Texas, five years ago, he didn't look for an easier job that would be a relief from farm work, but picked out a tough "row to hoe" and became an iron founder, a trade which he followed until he joined the Army in February 8, 1941.

Upon enlisting at Houston he was sent to Camp Bowie, Texas, where he stayed for eleven months before never misses. being transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington. Since that time he has traveled all over the Pacific Coast, following his Army assignment as a heavy weapons' man in the Infantry.

He admits that photography is his favorite hobby, and adds that he is interested in just about anything and everything.



Are you entitled to wear a "target" lapel button? You are if you are investing at least ten percent of your income in War Bonds every pay day. It's your badge of patriotism.

BULLETS MAY GO WILD BUT GAS **NEVER MISSES, IT'S THE TRUTH!!**

You're slamming shells into your pain agonizingly and you cannot see make black crosses against the leaden sky Suddenly the vicious scream of a dive bomber hurtling toward your anti-aircraft emplacement pierces your eardrums, and along with it comes the ugly chatter of strafing machine guns. A bullet zings past your head. That slug was as close as a whisper-but it missed, and a miss is as good as a mile.

Not long afterward the enemy lobs over a shell Somebody vells "Gas!" You hesitate a moment, look around unbelievably because gas hadn't been used before. Then a whiff sears your eyes, irritates your nose and throat, and you jam on your mask, meanwhile swearing to yourself that next time you'll get it on faster.

The bullet missed, gave you a second chance. Gas never misses.

The one whiff was enough. A thousand knives jab your nose and throat. Waves of nausea sweep you and finally you vomit. Then you tear off your gas mask in order to get a breath of fresh air. You get a breath-of phosgene.

Perhaps you do manage to get that mask back on, and perhaps you do carry on. A couple of hours go by, the attack is over, and you feel fine. Nothing is wrong. You Hardly cough and your pulse is normal as you talk to a buddy. Gas never

Three hours later coughs rack your body and you have a frothy expectoration. Your skin is bluish around the lips. You're going quickly now, quickly. Every fit of coughing rings up large quantities of clear, vellowish frothy fluid. Your face goes ashen gray. You don't struggle for breath. You just die. Gas

It is is mustard gas instead of phosgene, you detect the faint ordor of garlic or horseradish. Two hours later, your eyes smart and your nose runs with thin mucus. You sneeze a lot, and tears run down your face. You are nauseous and you throw up. For several hours, pains rip your stomach and abdomen.

As the hours progress, your eyes get worse, your dry throat burns, your voice is hoarse, and you have a dry harsh cough. Your skin is inflamed. Small visicles grow into large blisters.

At the end of the day, your eyes

90, firing at enemy planes that because of inflamed and swollen lids. Tear ooze between bulging eyelids over your reddened, slightly blistered face. Your head aches. It may take anywhere from two or three days to three or four weeks before vou die.

> All this talk is in terms of you for good reason. The blunt fact is that in chemical warfare, every soldier is on his own. The man who does not stop breathing immediately, who does not adjust his mask properly and carefully, who does not clear the face-piece, who becomes panicstricken, or who is in a hurry to take the mask off-that man is a dead pigeon. His buddy can be of no help at all. Neither can his officers. It's every man for himself. And there are only two kinds of soldiers where gas is concerned: the quick and the dead

> A bullet and gas are two different stories. If you're not in a bullet's path you won't be tagged. But gas spreads and engulfs you. A bullet is an all-or-nothing bet with a fraction of a second in which to do its dirty work. Gas can kill a man three days after being released if it is out in the open in warm weather. It can kill him a month afterward if it is not exposed to the wind. It ca nkill him a year later if it is kept in closed rooms or old dugouts. It is just this persistent quality of mustard gas that has suggested the possibility of using it as a chemical barbed wire fence.

Actually there are four types of gases, classifying them in the way they affect the body. First there are the lacrimators or crying gases, such as CN or tear gas which all recruits who have been in the gas chamber have whiffed. Second are the lung irritants, of which phosgene is an excellent example. Third come the vesicators or blisterers, the class in which mustard gas falls. Fourth are irritant smokes or sneezing gases, and one of this sort is adamsite.

Their record is perfect - THEY NEVER MISS. ARE YOU NEXT? America's Alertmen, Ft. Totten, N.Y.

Serve in Silence



Not everybody with a dollar to spare can shoot a gun straight-but everybody can shoot straight to the bank and buy War Bonds. Buy your 10% every pay day.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



JACQUES M. BARNAT **Quartermaster Corps**

In the middle-west, Aurora, Illinois to be exact. Pvt. Jacques M. Barnat was born, June 22, 1918. He was raised in that community until 1936 when he moved to Peoria to complete his schooling, graduating from Peoria High School. As a vacation the Barnat family decided to visit Los Angeles in 1938, and after two weeks, were so impressed with California they decided to make Los Angeles their home.

Pvt. Barnat had worked for a short time in one of the distilleries back in Peoria and had hoped to continue with that work in California. However that type of work was not available and Barnat took a job in a dry goods store as second choice. This type of work did not particularly appeal to him so he went job hunting once again and ended up with a position with a Meat Company, and it was at this job he was working when his number came up in the local draft in January, 1942.

On January 21st he reported to his draft board in Los Angeles and was sent to Camp Grant for the standard three month basic Medical training course. From Camp Grant he proceeded directly to Letterman Hospital for duty in April. He was assigned to the Quartermaster Corps for a few weeks upon arrival and then transferred to the baggage room where he can be found at present.

Pvt. Barnat was married in Los Angeles a month prior to being inducted, and Mrs. Barnat has moved to San Francisco to be near her husband as long as possible.

Barnat stated that this is not his first contact with the Army. For a year and a half, prior to leaving Peoria he was with the Illinois National Guard Unit as an automatic rifleman.

Serve in Silence

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Douglas L. Gabb and Malcolm Foster, appointed Sergeants; Firmino B. Gavilli, William Couch, John W. Dean, Jr., Aldo G. Giannini, Warren Groves, George H. Jensen, Marshall R. Kellett, Alvin H. Segar and David C. Tanner, Jr., appointed Technicians Fourth Grade; Walter W. Ross, Frank P. Farson and Earl P. Morrison appointed Corporals; Anthony G. Rotkovich, Frank Hallock, Elmer E. Cofer, Zeryl Dryden, Worthington J. Garner, Arthur F. Gleim, Arne H. Lunden, William S. Morris, George M. Mickens, Kyle O. Smith, Samuel Terravecchia, Jr., Wilver W. Wessell, Chester J. White, Paul L. Whitehead, Edmond O. Cunningham, Herman J. Gai, Wallace E. May and Kenneth R. Terry appointed Technicians Fifth Grade; and Jacques Barnot, Wayne B. Bradley, Ralph A. Brand, Clifton T. Brewick, Lowell G. Buettner, Louie E. Baumgardner, William E. Fickisen, R. L. Germone, Wilvur James, Leroy H. Kuhn, Don E. Lewis, Mid Neal, Frederick Perdue, T. J. Smith, James B. Tiffin, Frank L. Weller, Jr., and Harry A. Steed appointed Privates First Class.

S./Sgt. Donald F. Allison, Pfc.'s Rhea Stone, Wilbur W. Wessell, and Thomas C. Clifford deserting the ranks of the bachelors for marriage.

A new baby in the Sgt. Frank J. Shamrock home. Mother and baby

Sgt. Gordon L. Sauer taking over Sgt. Renaldo Roberti's title of "Hector the Collector of the P. & P."

. . . A group of NCO's asking for extra close order drill. They need it!

S./Sgt. William Fuller inviting some of the fellows down to his home to play cards - making arrangements for an enjoyable evening and then forgetting to tell them where he lives.

The soft-ball club winding up the season with two cups won in tournament play. Not bad! Not bad atall!!

BUY MORE WAR BONDS.

SERGEANT RODGERS, COMMANDER OF LETTERMAN GUARD, A VETERAN M. P.



WILLIAM T. RODGERS Technical Sergeant, Medical Department Number One Military Policeman and Commander of the Guard at Letterman General Hospital.

Letterman Hospital is unique in ! that the Commander of the Guard, Tech. Sgt. William T. Rodgers, is a date he has been a member of the soldier who has been a member of a Military Police detachment all during his army career.

Sgt. Rodgers was born in Greenville, South Carolina, and lived there until he enlisted in the army in February 1930 and was sent almost immediately to the Panama Canal Zone where he was assigned to Headquarters and Military Police Company for a tour of two years. On completion of that tour he came west for a sight of the broad open spaces and joined the 38th Infantry at Fort Douglas, Utah, where he remained for another two years.

In 1934, foreign service again made its appeal, and Sgt. Rodgers decided to take a look at the Paradise of the Pacific. He was assigned to Schofield Barracks and once more found himself wearing the rassard of an M.P. as a member of the Headquarters and Military Police Company of the Hawaiian Division. For five years he stayed in the land of the lunar rainbow and the waving palms, and leaving there in December 1939, he made his way to San Francisco to report for duty at Letterman the following month. With

-and from that time to the present guard detachment and military police for this command.

Beginning as a private, Sgt. Rodgers has kept pace with the growth of the guard detachment by advancing in rank to Sergeant in January 1941, to Staff Sergeant in August, 1941, and to Technical Sergeant in July, 1942, and he now holds badge Number One as the Commander of the Guard.

By reason of his long experience in military police duties he has been able by example and precept to have under him a well informed and efficient company of Military Police. He maintains rigid but fair discipline among his subordinates and merits their respect because he is a complete master of all the odds and ends that come within the purview of M.P. activities.

The protection of life and property, the maintenance of order and discipline among the personnel as well as the patients, is a full time job for the men under Sergeant Rodgers, and that job is done to the complete satisfaction of the Commanding Gen-

Sergeant Rodgers was married in assigned to M.P. duty? He didn't Francisco. They have no children, made in the detachment.

SPECIAL

Congratulations to the following men who were promoted:

To Staff Sergeant: Tech. 4th Grade, Delmar E. Carlson, and Harvey W. Hablitzel.

To Tech. 4th Grade: Corporal George C. Hopple, Corp 5th Harris L. Hitt, William L. Vandewater, Verner A. Wertsch, and Pfc. John P. Halliwell.

To Corporal: Pfc. Dudley P. Cook. To Tech. 5th Grade: Pvts. Maurice Dietz, Jason Hervin, Bruce E. Sloan, and George N. Choate.

To Privates First Class: Eugene H. Beals, Ewell E. Bessent, Lawrence R. Miller and Robert M. Taliaferro,

Two new Officers were added to the School Section this week, they are: Lt. Leonard S. Buck, who will assume the duties of Assistant Instructor in the Surgical Section, and Lt. Wallace G. Gilbert, who will be the Assistant Instructor in the Medical Section, we all extend a hearty welcome to these new instructors, and are sure that they will enjoy working here.

The Detachment wishes to extend its sympathies to Sgt. Benjamen Shedoudy, who is on furough, visiting his mother in New Mexico, who has been ill, and we all hope that a quick recovery is made.

Well our 1st Sgt. has gone and done it, Hilmer A. Fauske, took a bride last Saturday, and at the present time is on furlough honeymooning, but we know not where.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S./Sgt. Harvey W. Hablitzel, taking over the First Sgts. job while he is on furlough, and doing a very efficient piece of work.

Major Clifford Rudine, of the Dental Section, back on the job after a brief illness, and looking as chipper as ever.

The excellent drawings and charts that are being made by Corp./T. Bruce E. Sloan, and Miss Gretchen Allen of the office staff, when finished they will be a big help to the teaching staff.

How many men take to smoking his record how could be miss being 1941 to Miss Nettie Mortimer of San cigars when a few promotions are

Civilian Employes Of LGH Have Gone Into Real Action

Lettermen Civilian Employees Have Gone Into Action!

A War Department directive to the Commanding General of this hospital indicates that Letterman Civilian Employees can be counted on to loan the Government, through the War Bond Plan, at least ten per cent of their Government payroll. Ninety per cent of all employees are expected to participate. Letterman civilians are already well on the way to their goal. Forty per cent of the "payroll" group has been contacted. Many have raised their bond savings "ante" to double their first subscriptions.

Remember that your bond for this month must be counted in the total if our hospital record is to meet the standard of our highly selected personnel.

Expenses are "ceiled" — they can go no higher. A "floor" is under wages—they can go no lower. But there is no ceiling on savings! Credit can be given for bonds bought on the Pay Reservation Plan, and your particular Letterman unit will be given credit for your action.

See Chaplain Shuder, War Bond Office, at once.

Buy Bonds Today!

Post Exchange Is Expanding

The Post Exchange announced the opening of the new Uniform Department in T-28 in the building in the rear of the Post Tailor. A complete line of all types of uniforms and shoes may be obtained. It is also announced at this time that the general offices will be in this building from this date. All business with the Exchange will be handled through this office.

The Direct Purchase Department will continue to function in this main store.

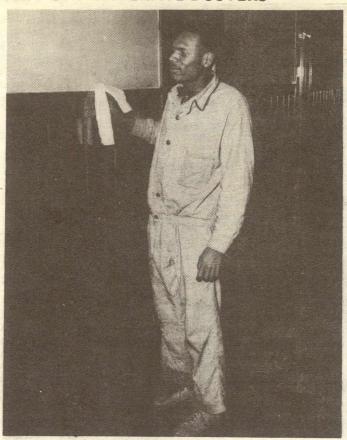
Telephone numbers for the new store will be announced at a later date.

For the convenience of the officers and patients of this command a small amount of money will be carried in the office of the Direct Purchase Department for the purpose of cashing small checks.

What did one hat say to the other hat on the hat rack?

You stay here. I'm going on a head.

JANITOR JORDAN JUST JOINED OUR STAFF OF DELIBERATE DUSTERS



LEROY JORDAN

Deliberate Duster on the Upper Deck of the Administration
Building.

During these war days of hustle and bustle it is truly refreshing to see someone who has so planned his time that he is able to stretch his work over the whole day at an even unhurried pace. And Leroy Jordan, janitor in charge of the second floor of the Administration Building, is just such an individual. There is just so much to do—so long to do it in, and when it is time to go home Jordan has been busy at an unhurried, steady pace all day long.

He is a native of the Lone Star State, born May 5, 1918, and was raised in the vicinity of Livingston, Texas. For Jordan, who became one of the army of employed at the tender age of eight years, the word "work" has been part of his vocabulary a long time, consequently, he has learned to budget that work over an allotted time very nicely.

Jordan enjoys his job in San Francisco, and he is especially pleased to be working for the Government again. The time before was in Dal-

las, Texas, with a PWA project building storm sewers.

"Uncle Sam is always fair with his workers," Leroy said.

Asked when he would report for duty in the Army he shrugged his shoulders loosely, dug a draft registration card out of his pocket and said, "I don't know. I'm supporting my mother and brother down in Dallas, so they don't want me now I guess—but I'm ready any time. I'd be working for Uncle Sam same as I am now—and he's the best boss of the lot."

And Janitor Jordan proceded with his deliberate dusting.

The chairman of an automobile concern recently disclosed that the company's plants alone were delivering \$5,000,000 worth of war materials daily.

All of the motor vehicles imported by Cuba in the last two years came from the United States except two French passenger automobiles in 1940.



To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Ivan N. Dickey, MAC, LGH, a son, John Austin Dickey, born August 31st, weight six pounds, thirteen ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Robert E. Smith, a daughter, Diane Lois Smith, 16th Sq. 51st Pur. Group, AAF, born September 3rd, weight six pounds, eleven ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Giles, "A" 394 QM, Foreign Service, a son, Michael Richard Giles, born September 5th, weight eight pounds, fifteen ounces.

To S./Sgt. and Mrs. Robert E. Henneberg, "C" 6th CA, a daughter, Barbara Karen Henneberg, born September 5th, weight seven pounds, two ounces.

To M./Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest M. Clough, Hq. 4th Army, a daughter, Carol Fayne Clough, born September 6th, weight five pounds, ten ounces.

To S./Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest E. Schoenfelder, "G" 216th CA, a daughter, Sandra Rose Schoenfelder, orn September 6th, weight seven pounds, five ounces.

Special Short Wave Broadcasts Being Sent Out By YANK

YANK, is producing a growing series of short-wave programs, created entirely for overseas troops and beamed to every area of the world in which they are stationed. These programs are as completely "G I" in treatment, appeal and personnel as is YANK itself.

"G I News" is carried daily on the "News From Home" program. It is a brief of Army activities, personalities and news of especial interest to overseas troops.

Also sent out every day is "G I Jive"—as the name implies, a spirited presentation of the kind of music most soldiers like best to hear. "YANK's Traveling Swing Session" originates every week from a different region of the United States. The last two are "request" programs inviting letters from soldiers overseas.



Despite modern conveniences in the kitchen K. P. still finds potatoes being peeled by hand. Hard at it are Privates First Class Adelard Gagnon and Howard F. Do-

Sports Slants From Other Camps

First Sgt. Arthur Lancy of the 21st School Squadron at Lowry Field, Col. copped the Class A title in the mammoth Denver victory bowling tournament by rolling a five game total of 1,028. Strictly a dark horse, Lancy nosed out Harold Aspland, one of Denver's best keglers by three pins to capture the title and a \$50 war bond.

Melio Bettina, 26-year-old Beacon, N. Y. heavyweight, had no sooner donned his Army uniform at Camp Upton, N. Y. than post officials pressed him into service as referee for evening camp bouts.

"Cap" Gandy, former pigskin toter for Alabama's Crimson Tide is now holding down 1st base for the Air Corps baseball team at an Alaskan field. The big-league form that he's been displaying proves he's just as much at home on a diamond as he is on a grid-

William A. (Wild Bill) Halla-han, former Cardinal southpaw and veteran of four World Series, was inducted at Ft. Niagara, N. Y. recently. "I just want a chance to show the Axis the stuff I've got on a hand grenade," Hallahan told reporters.

Keglers Come Thru To Open Season

League started their tournament last with 185 over 184. Friday night at the Broadway-Van two games. This league consists of ten teams each averaging 875 or better, eliminating the necessity of handicaps, a point which greatly favors the Medic's bowlers.

Corp. Frank Marano repeated his past record and was high bowler for the night, knocking them over for a 572 count with a high game of 191. pins. Staff Sergeant Walter Yohe warmed up in the second game and came out game: with a 232 count, totaling 558 for his three games. Other triples were Sgt. Wilcox with a 538, Sgt. Kuntz with 528, and Sgt. Mottier with a 499

The last three weeks of bowling in the handicap league were disappointing for Sgt. Yohe, as he hit a GAMES824-895-928-2677 new low of 377 for three games. The new alleys failed to work for his type of ball, and he finally coasted the rest of the way out, ending his season with a 165 average. The men who bettered their averages since the start of the league were Corporal Marano who ended with 177 over

The 875 Straight-Away Bowling cox with 173 over 170, and Kuntz

The Acme Beer team which Ness Alley with Letterman winning bowled the Medic's on Friday put up a great battle and had the lead on all the games until the final frame when all the Medic's men finished with double or triple strikes, winning by a few pins each game. However, in the last game the Medics couldn't catch up with the Beer men and lost by a total of 45

Following are the results of the

ACME BEER

Schoenberger173-164-171-	-508
Maule173-180-179-	-532
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Knorr156-188-176-	-540
Achby160-168-180-	-508

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	Mottier	193-178-148-	499
	Yohe	188-232-138-	-558
	Marano	191-181-200-	-572
	Wilcox	191-146-201-	-538
	Kuntz	170-168-190-	-528
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ANTHONY T. TRAVELINE Private, Army Air Force Who was decorated last week with the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart for "Meritorious Services" rendered at Hickam Field on December 7th last.

What's He Done? Soldier Asks About Hitler

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.-A tall, gangling young man from deep in the hills of north Mississippi was ambling about the reception center, picking up bits of history here and there.

He said he came to the camp only because he "got a letter from the President to come on down here." But why, he didn't know.

A soldier broke it to him gently,

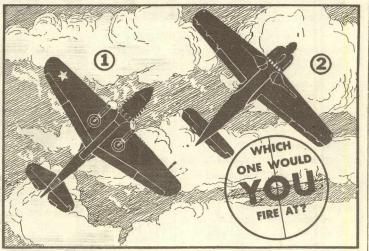
"This is war, buddy "Aw, you're kiddin'," said the mountaineer. "The war was over

when I was just four years old. I know 'cause my pappy went."
"Haven't you heard about Hit-

"Naw. What's he done?" Camp officials investigated his story and found it to be true. A neighbor had put down his name at the draft board and his registration card had never reached him. His questionnaire was filled out by a local board member who visited his home, but never imparted the reason.

Do you know what one patriotic worm said to the other patriotic worm?

Let's join the apple core.



Let No. 1 pass! The Curtiss P-40F, the "WARHAWK," is the newest and fastest of the famous P-40 Hawks. It is powered by the British Rolls-Royce Merlin motor, built by Packard and is reported to be armed with six machine guns. Look for the deep radiator under the nose; smooth lines to cowling; and landing wheels that retract backwards and turn to lie flat in the wings.

Blast away at No. 2! It's the German Focke-Wulfe FW-190, one of their newest and best fighters. It is a departure in the usual design of German plane in that it has a radial air-cooled engine and its under-carriage is widely set apart. Note the single tail fin and rudder on horizontal tailplane, and that the short, relatively slim fuselage appears somewhat flat on sides.

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MC KIE TO PARTS

Letterman is shortly to lose one of its outstanding officers-Colonel A. B. McKie, who has held so efficiently the post of Executive Officer, under the direction of the Command Officer.

The colonel not only was on duty here in the time of special activity calling for decision and ingenuity, but as Public Relations Officer he was faced with the very intricate tasks brought forward as a result of our entry into war, publicity, etc.

The Army is well aware of the importance of the executive function in handling men in times of action. What we do not so fully appreciate is that the Executive Officer in a great general hospital must similarly be a director of the highest caliber. Colonel McKie has eminently filled these requirements. Both General DeWitt and General Weed have spoken of him as one of the "best executive officers" in the service.

Colonel Alva Burton McKie is a native of Canton, Mississippi, where he was born on June 23, 1892. He attended the University of Mississippi where he received a B. S. degree and later went to Tulane University of Louisiana where he received the Dector of Medicine degree in 1915.

Colonel McKie was appointed to the Medical Reserve Corps on October 12, 1916, and appointed to the regular army in the grade of First Lieutenant on the 21st of February, 1917. He has risen through all the intermediate grades and on June 26, 1941, was promoted to the grade of Colonel in the Medical Corps, United States Army. The Colonel's service began with a course in the Army to serve on the Rio Grande River overseas. above Brownsville in 1917. When the



Colonel A. B. MC KIE

with the Base Section Headquarters in London and with the 90th Division of the Army of Occupation. He later served at Antwerp, Belgium. Tours and Paris, France, returning to the United States in December of Medical School from where he went 1919 after two and one-half years Sternburg General Hospital in Ma

The Colonel next served at Oteen First Division was formed in 1917 he General Hospital until it was transand went overseas with that oragni- tion in December, 1920, from where

zation and remained with it until he went to Fitzsimons General Hos-June, 1918. He subsequently served pital in Denver until July, 1925. His next station was Fort McDowell for one year and then Letterman General Hospital where he served for five years from 1926 to 1931. He left Letterman for the Philippines where ne was on the Medical Service at of the most dangerous men in the nila for three years.

On his return to the United States he served two years at Fort Francis was assigned to the 26th Infantry ferred to the Veterans Administra- E. Warren and four years at Walter series, redeemed himself by plaster-(Continued on page two)

LGH Softballers Climax Successful By Winning Title

For the second time this season the Letterman Softball Team brought home a winning cup to put up in a place of honor. The first cup represented the Championship of the Presidio League, and the second cup was awarded when the Lettermanites became City Champions in the San Francisco City Recreational League.

The three play-offs games of this series saw Letterman Hospital take two out of three games from Hirsch and Price Clothing Stores to establish themselves as the City Cham-

In the climaxing feature, reported one of the best games to be played on the local diamond this year, both teams were tied in a scoreless deadlock up until the fourth innning. To start the fourth, Al Giovanetti, classy shortstop, doubled sharply into center field, and George Leyrer, diminutive second baseman, teed off on a high hard one that reportedly was "still raising when it cleared the center fielder's head.' This put the Lettermanites ahead 2 to 0, and they were never in danger again. In the sixth, Giovanetti again doubled, and Craig, who had pitched masterful ball en route, tripled into left field to bring the tally to 3 to 0. In their half of the sixth, Craig again hit his generous streak and coupled with two singles gave up two walks to hand the opposition their only tally. Going into the seventh, Haverty, barefooted third sacker and one city in the clutch, started the inning off with a single and stole second on the first pitch; Ross "Farmer" Morey, who had gone hitless in the

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Troop School For Duty Officers

We are delighted with this new development. It is a real opportunity for every officer to refresh his mind and bring his experience up to date. It is a truism that modern warfare is increasingly a matter of organization. If units, however well trained in themselves, are not properly related to other units, then possibilities of achievement is questionable. The same is true within the unit itself. A great general hosptal is increasingly effective as all units contained therein understand the program as a whole, which means having a working knowledge of each of the functional units in The new idea is a the system. splendid one!

The General is to be commended for this splendid program for complete officer's training here at Letterman.

SCHOOL COURSES

The Galileo Evening High School (Francisco Street between Van Ness Avenue and Polk Street) invites the men of the Medical Detchment to take advantage of a very generous specialty school program. The fall term is just beginning, and there is time to get in. There is no expense involved.

Sgt. Williams of the Detachment informs us that men off duty may attend. This means that for the most part Detchment men are free every other evening, and this schedule can be arranged with the school satisfactorily. Work done in school is individual, so you take up where you left off, so that you lose nothing through the alternate day attendance.

The school has just what you need. See W. E. Baker, Principal, Galileo Evening High School. For further information see Chaplain H. A. Shuder, Letterman Hospital.

MOTOR VEHICLES

The maximum speed of 40 miles per hour for a motor vehicle on an open highway in the country, as shown in Paragraph 2, Memorandum No. 66, Letterman General Hospital, dated September 8, 1942, is reduced to 35 miles per hour. The maximum speed limits posted in the driver's compartment of each vehicle will be changed accordingly.

Serve in Silence

LETTERMAN'S 'TOP KICK' WILLIAMS HAS INTERESTING BACKGROUND

THE FOG HORN



WILLIAM T. RODGERS
Technical Sergeant, Medical Department

First Sergeant of the Detchment Calvin D. Williams has spent the last four years at Letterman, and is well qualified to handle the numerous problems of his office, having risen from the ranks to his present duty as "Top Kick" during this time.

Sgt. Williams comes from the "Tall Corn" state of Iowa; he was born in Pleasonton and graduated from the high school in that town. His life had centered around the farms of that community until he completed high school, at which time he left his native surroundings to travel for three years—South to Louisiana, East to Indiana, North to Minneapolis, and West to Oregon. While in the Northwest he was employed at the American Can Company and then did construction work in Portland from 1934 to 1937.

Becoming Army conscious, Sgt. extended to his roots
Williams enlisted April 1937 at Fort
McDowell and was then stationed at mighty fine support.

Wahoo, Schofield Barracks, P. I., for fifteen months. He returned to the Mainland and entered Letterman Hospital in July of 1938 — as a patient. However, on his recovery he was assigned to duty at the hospital in the Medical Detachment in December of 1938. After spending a year and a half on the wards he was assigned to Charge of Quarters, and promoted to a Corporal December 21, 1939. He became a Sergeant on December 26, 1939, a Staff Sergeant on June 28, 1941, and a First Sergeant on May 16, 1942.

In April of 1941, Sgt Williams was married to Miss Virginia Lee Oliver of Baltimore, Maryland.

The Sergeant finds relaxation from his strenuous duties in watching baseball and football, and if his usual thoroughness and efficiency is extended to his rooting for his favorite team, they are sure of some mighty fine support.

More About McKie

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Reed General Hospital, Washington,
D. C., he reported for his current
tour of duty at Letterman General
Hospital on May 19, 1940.

Colonel McKie is married to Miss Margaret Scott, a woman of charm and great ability. Mrs. McKie for the time of their residence here has been a leader in Red Cross activities, and has endeared herself to all for her fine mind and intrepid outlook on life.

The colonel is very much i terested in the new development under General Weed for the maximum training of Reserve and Pool Officers assigned here for training. He says that one of his greatest interests here has been the emphasis on the importance of medical officers newly in the service in learning adequately all matters in keeping with the professional work as well as a general knowledge of administrative work of other activities in a hospital. Colonel McKie urges "all such officers to acquire a general knowledge of organization of the Army Medical Department." He says that their opportunities while stationed here of passing through Letterman General Ilospital are very great for acquiring this knowledge. They should take every advantage of acquiring this schooling along these lines while here, rather than limit themselves to the rather narrow confines of the professional assignments.

He added that many who have left here to assume other duties of great responsibility have regretted that they did not recognize the opportunities while at Letterman Hospital.

The Army may well be proud of officers in the Medical Service with such a splendid record and outstanding sense of intelligent integrity loyally placed in the service of this great nation. Colonel McKie, Letterman salutes you and wishes you continued success in all your future assignments.

LETTERMAN BASEBALL

(Continued from page one) ing a double deep into right field for the fourth and final tally.

"We have really had a very successful season, and I wish to take this means to thank each and all of the boys for the help that they have given me, and to thank Captain Day, Recreation Officer.

NEW CALEDONIA HIGHLIGHTED BY LIEUT, ST. JOHN

New Caledonia. Miss St. John and resides officially in Nahant. Reknows how to introduce folks. She member the old nursery rhyme is from Boston, the erstwhile "hub "Trot, trot to Boston, Trot, trot to



2nd Lieut. Mary St. John intro-Boston, educated in Arlington, re-Itrot home again?" Miss St. John duces to us a new acquaintance - ceived her nurses training in Lynn knows these grand old land marks very well. When she returns home to the Boston center she will graft onto the ancient order there the things learned in New Caledonia, and the world will have something new to contemplate! Imagine the Pilgrim Fathers in sarongs - well, that is on the program!

> Miss St. John left New Caledonia some weeks or so ago and is resting up here at Letterman. Miss St. John says Caledonia is mountainous. The mountains are non-volcanic and are very beautiful, and are surrounded by coral reefs. Coral reefs are the works of myriads of little creatures whose motto seems to be "Build me stately islands day by day."

> The natives are Javanese, a very quiet people. The "Tonkenese" (this name sounds like that which it isn't). Then there are real natives whose customs today were those of the original tribal formation. These are the "Kanakas" tribes. They wear sarongs, they decorate their hair with flowers, they wear no shoes or socks.

> Miss St. John says the tropical moon is very beatiful - we can well imagine it was! She now awaits orders to duty. Letterman has been enjoyable, but moonlight has not been so good, so she is anxious to be on her way. Strange as it may seem, Miss St. John would like to see Bos-

KOALA BEARS

Captain says Koala Bears are "cute." 2nd Lt. St. John, the "Bostonese" nurse late from New Caledonia, says Koala Bears are really "precious dears." We believe it. The encyclopedia says they are marsupials, whatever that is. They seem to be a cross between a grizzley bear and a humming bird.

t is said that eucalyptus trees were created just for these bears, and if they do not get the buds from the eucalyptus trees they go bad.

It is said that eucalyptus trees were bears so that the merchants in London could put the fur on My Lady's coat collar as a decoration (almost never used for warmth). It is now against the law to kill a Koala Bear. Apparently now we are more interested in killing off the human race, but after all we humans are neither "cute" nor "precious dears" - anyway, we are not furry.

Serve in Silence

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Alexander Peck, appointed Technician Fifth Grade; George E. Morey appointed Private First Class.

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined this station during the week. They are: Pvt. L. V. Arnold, J. E. Walter, Valeriano S. Bagayas, Pedro R. Fabionar, Francisco C. Relampagos, Agapito B. Serrano, August J. Piette, Jose G. Valdrez, Braulio P. Lizardo, Theodore B. Veldad, Charles A. Higgins, Paul H. Struthers, Bernardino P. Manipon, Jose E. Zagles, Eugene C. Pirkle, F. F. Feiser, Aage Hejlesen.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/5th Grade William F. DeMello and Corporal Arne H. Lunden anticipating marriage.

Cpl. Alexander Kremoski making plans for a wedding and then having his "promised-to-be" go home. Disgusting!

Sgt. Rosylen H. Morey losing his room to Sgt. Alvin H. Seger-and not feeling too gracious about it. * * *

S/Sgt. Valen H. Fletcher into Cpl. Cpl. William G. Louch for one cup of coffee. * * *

Personnel of Ward C-1 and the dressing room collecting pennies to finance a trip way back east for T/4gr Solomon Katz.

IINESE RECRUITS



"Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag"—They know how this is done in the Orient! Many a young recruit on entering our army thinks the whole world is loaded on himgun, bedroll, etc., etc., weight? Plenty! Yes, but this young Chinese recruit in the picture who has just been given his equipment has the real lowdown on the "pack up your troubles" business

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EDITORIAL

Man Not A Rational Animal

analysis of the Genus Homo in which he has to say that we are "not rational beings." We may be emo-tional creatures, but thinking and planning are not gifts to us. If thinking and planning are not gifts to us. If thinking and reason are to many of us are either too lazy or indifferent, or both.

"Pep" seems to be our national slogan. "Energy" is advertised for us as a necessity. We would not disparge pep and energy and the emotions, but surely the human race needs reason. Reason is the gift of the Gods to man. Promethus stole fire from the Gods and gave it to man, maybe some strong adventurer will one day "sneak" us a little rea-

We are said to be on the tail end of the age of capitalism. Wealth has been our big talking point. It is just possible that the new age will specialize in Reason. If this should be, and soldiers of the American Army early developed an interest in the art of thinking, maybe the world would some day be "free.' We will never know the great mind-dreams of civilization till we come to appreciate the fact that man must somehow be a rational animal—or at least acquire rationality.

MOVING PICTURES

September 22 and 23 THREE GIRLS ABOUT TOWN-John Howard and Joan Blondell. Also Short Subjects.

September 24 and 25

JOAN OF PARIS—Thomas Mitchell and May Robson. Also Short Sub-

September 26 and 27

INTERESTING LETTER RECEIVED HERE BY MRS. WM. L. BESWICK

General Hospital, Presidio of San from somewhere. This letter was I'm here or there. addressed to Mrs. Beswick, the charming wife of the captain. May we be pardoned for peeping over her should while we read a few lines. We dare note quote all that the letter contained - you know they were not married so long before the captain was called overseas! This letter is reprinted with the very kind permission of Mrs. Beswick.

"It is very difficult to tell you much, that is, we are not permitted to tell you just where we are, what we are doing, anything about the Dr. Kraines writes a very careful trip, or as a matter of fact, anything of an informative nature, so you see they have it pretty well sewed up, as it was.

"I sent some records to L. G. H. and got quite a thrill signing my name to the letter of transmittal. It had been signed by the Evacuation ly bad, just as nothing can be wholbe acquired it may well appear that Officer, but I had it done over and signed it myself.

> "Things are going along very nicely. I'm quite busy — I remind myself of Major Foley — trying to do ten things at once, answering questions, the telephone, etc., etc., etc. But it's interesting and pleasant. My associates are a fine bunch own, just like the others. Of course, and so very appreciative.

> been here a heck of a long time. different. You are home, around Wish we all were on our way home, familiar sights, places, people you and the "show" as they call it here know, but we are in a strange place, was over. Although I must admit among people we don't know, aleverybody has been very fine to us. though they are grand and want to They just couldn't be finer. They really go out of their way to show But it is different, and one can easus how welcome we are. So we have ily see that all of us are exactly nothing to complain of so far as treatment is concerned.

"Was I surprised the other day when Colonel Dart popped in and said "Hello, Beswick." What a surprise! He did not feel so well had a touch of flu, I guess. And last night my telephone rang, it was Lieut. Kaiser, and he had Perez with him. So I 'phoned Major Beatty and they all came down, and did we have a great time talking about everything! They tell me four others are here too. And who should come into the office today but Tony Narkin. We had a great chat, too. It surely was nice to see some of the bunch

"Poor old Seals - and here I am! No wonder they don't win - I'm not TUTTLES OF TAHITI - Jon Hall there to root for them. Anyhow, and Peggy Drake. Also Short Sub- you tell Father McKenna I'll still root for them from down here. Bet

Captain William E. Beswick writes | he'll say they couldn't win whether

"I'll tell you what I'd like and that's the 'Fog Horn'." Someone sent the issue with General Weeds picture to Colonel Carrol so, of course, he lent it to me. Very interesting!

Please be sure to tell Chaplain Shuder I was asking for him and tell him to take good care of the patients for me. He's a grand person - a fund of experience and a good talker.

"Today I fixed up a recommendation to make Colonel Dart a full Colonel. That made me feel pretty good, and I imagine he'll like it too.

"You know, I think receiving letters is one of the nicest things about being away from home. Of course, there can't be many "nice" things about it, but as nothing can be wholly good, the letter angle is about the best. As you know, I have to censor the mail of the men and I can see just how much it means to them the joy of getting it and the real disappointment in not getting any. And the almost identical tone of the letters written home. It's amazing! My I know you folks at home are glad "Doggone it, it seems as if we had to hear from us but it's somewhat know us and want us to know them. alike when it comes to getting mail from home.

> Tonight we had a movie showing us many parts of-, which we probably will never see and it was most interesting. Some of the places reminded me very much of parts of -. Very beautiful! The men responsible for the showing brought with them a live snake - about five or six feet long, harmless to human being but death to poisonous snakes. And they had a real live Teddy Bear. The cutest darned thing you

"I am going to send you a carved head. That sounds ominous, doesn't it? But I mean a carved head of a -. Personally, I girl from think the carving is exquisite and when one considers the crude things they use to do the carving it makes (Continued on page five)

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, September 20, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

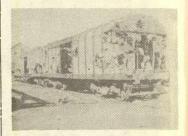
In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

LUNCH TIME AT TIENTSIN



A famous chef' shakes one for Staff Sgt. Young. The poet wrote and sang "There are smiles that make you happy and, etc." Well, to all accounts the chef in the picture "knew how"-he had one. No doubt even Irish potatoes tasted the better for it. It may be, however, that the clue to the smile is in one of the sergeant's famous knockout stories! The sergeant is an old story-teller, but with that he is as young as ever, but of course with his name he will always be Young.

Air Conditioned Trains In China



Staff Sergeant Young of the Radio and Motion Picture activities here at Letterman informs us that air conditioning is not limited to our splendid trains here in the U.S.A. He gives supporting evidence of the new type used in China. We are not sure on which car Sgt. Young did his travelling, but we are sure that he "kept cool" while in passage.

Serve in Silence

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pyt. ARTHUR A. JOHNSON

"Tall, wiry and always congenial" describes our Buck of the Week, Private Arthur A. Johnson, Art, who hails from Columbus, Ohio, was born July 3, 1910, in a small farming community of West Columbia, West Virginia.

At an early age his family moved to Hartford, West Virginia, where he received his schooling. In 1927 the Johnsons moved once again, this time to Columbus, Ohio, "a city that am," according to Johnson. While at Columbus he got his start as a Dental Technician, working in that city for the Alban-Theado Dental Laboratory for nearly fifteen years up until the time he was "caught in the draft."

He was inducted at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, and was sent to Camp Grant for his basic training. Upon completion of his training, he moved once again, for he traveled about as far west as one can go and still remain in the States, arriving finally at Letterman General Hospital. Since he has had so much experience as a technician, it was only natural that he was put to work in the Dental Annex, where he is now located.

Art is quite a man with the "pen", inasmuch as he writes more letters and receives more mail than any other soldier on the post. The most welcome letter is the one his girl sends to him daily, and we can understand why it is welcome by the pictures we've seen.

England's claim to the region of North America was based on the exploration in 1497 and 1498 of the Venetian navigator, John Cabot, whose voyage to the Massachusetts coast was the first definitely recorded visit of Europeans to this region.

It's common sens: to be thrifty. If you save you are thrifty. War Bonds help you to save and help to save America. Buy your ten per cent every pay day.



Dan Cupid delivered the only QM news this week with an announcement that Sgt. Arthur Borselli of the Property Office, who has been recommended for Officers' Candidate School, eloped and was married in Reno on September 15, 1942, to Miss Marcelline Garcia. Heartiest congratulations are extended to Sgt. Borselli, whose usual happy smile will probably be brighter than ever now.

It seems that Dan Cupid is pinchhitting for Master Sergeant Kenneth L. Piper, who usually comes through with lots of interesting QM news, but sent the kid with the bow and arrow and one item this week.

New Schools Open For Administrative Officer Candidates

Establishment of Officer Candidate Schools to train soldiers to become administrative officers has been announced by the War Department, it was learned today at the headquarters of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, at Fort Douglas. Utah.

Branches of the school, which will be operated under the direction of The Adjutant General of the Army, will be located at civilian educational institutions. Classes of approximately 450 candidates will be enrolled bi-weekly after about September 15

Soldiers who meet physical standards for limited service only and who meet other requirements for selection will be given preference for enrollment over applicants who are physically qualified for general service. With the exception of removal of the emphasis on leadership, the qualifications are similar to those currently prescribed for applicants for other Officer Candidate Schools. Educational background is a favorable factor, but equivalent civilian training and experience are accept able substitutes.

Those who complete the school courses successfully will be commissioned second lieutenants in the Army of the United States.

Sign outside of one large war production plant: "We have been asked for the impossible. Let'us do it, as usual."

Who Said It Can't Happen Here, LGH Keglers Lost Three

It happened. The Letterman Bowling team lost a three game series last Friday night at the Broadway Van Ness Bowling lanes by just a few points each game. The Frank Newman Company won three from the Medics with the lowest scores of their season, high game being 809 with the Medics high of 805.

The first game was close throughout the ten frames, and the Newman anchor man struck out, winning the game by a total of 13 pins. Sgt. Wilcox and Sgt. Kuntz each got three strikes in the last frame but didn't help enough to win.

The second game was really close and wasn't decided until the last man on each team finished. Each man knew if he didn't get a strike he would lose the game. The anchor man of the Newman Company got a full count of ten while Sgt. Kuntz got eight and so the game finished 798 to 800.

The third game ended exactly like the second but instead of the anchor man for the Medics to win, it was up to the fourth man to just get a spare and seven or better count. Sgt. Wilcox missed the last frame and lost the last game by two pins.

FRANK NEWMAN CO.

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	Kase	152-128-184-464
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Morano	159-158-153-4	70
Wilcox	187-153-1444	84
Kuntz	182-181-193—5	556
TOTALS	5796-798-805—23	99

Rodents Cost State

Nearly one million dollars of public and private funds are spent annually to control injurious rodents in California, according to a new free circular released today by the University of California Agricultural Extension Service.

Entitled, "Control of Injurious Rodents in California," the circular is written by Dr. Tracy I. Etorer, professor of zoology in the College of Agriculture. It covers methods of controlling ground and tree squirrels, pocket gophers, moles, rats and mice, rabbits and other rodents.

ON THE SPOT



DARRELL SNYDER Pfc. Military Police

For a young man, Pfc. Darrell Snyder, who is now a patient in Ward C-1, has had a varied military record.

He was born in the town of Fillmore, Utah, May 30, 1920, and up until his entrance into the service of his country he had lived there all his life. He attended Millard High School and was active in athletics, mainly football and basketball. Upon completion of his schooling, he worked for the Warner Truck Lines and also became a member of the Utah National Guard.

On March 3, 1941, the National Guard Division to which he was attached was inducted into the Regular Army as a Field Artillery Unit. He remained with this outfit until January, 1942, when he transferred to a Military Police outfit in San Francisco. On March 16, 1942 he received his discharge from the army, having completed three years in the service, National Guard record included. He re-enlisted the following day, March 17, 1942.

Darrell is not the only off-spring of the Snyder family. There are seven girls and three boys, all three being in the service.

Darrell has been confined to this hospital since July 10th of this year, and hopes for an early discharge so that he may rejoin his unit.

INTERESTING LETTER

(Continued from page four) it all the more remarkable. I have it packed but I must take it to the censor, have him O.K. it and repack it as I'd hate to have it broken. They will, naturally, be difficult to get now.

"I'm sorry to hear of Miss Knierim's accident. Give her my best and tell her I hope she'll be all right again soon.

"Be sure to remember me to all the bunch."

PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED FOR NURSES OF LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

Orders were received from Washington on Tuesday, September 15, 1942, for the promotion of seven Army nurses to the rank of First Lieutenant. Congratulations are due to them. They have been, and are, in training here for their new duties under the able direction of Captain Knierim, Chief of the Nurses at Letterman Hospital.

It is presumed that these promotions mean changes in location sooner or later. One thing we may be sure of is that they are all well trained and well equipped to do any and all services in the professional status of their calling.

Captain Knierim commends them for their fine work here. She is assured of their ability to fulfill any task in keeping with the service, and to assume the higher responsibilites. If they are to go from Letterman all of us here will miss them, both in friendship and in service. Again, we congratulate them.

1st Lieut. Anna M. Grassmyer was born at Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. She received her nurses professional training at Altoona, Pennsylvania.



1st. Lieut. HART

1st. Lieut. RUTHERMAN



1st. Lieut. WOODRUFF

1918, and has served at Camp Cody, New Mexico; Fort Douglas, Utah; into the Regular Army Nurse Corps Fort Warren, Wyoming; Fitzsimons in 1933 at Fitzsimons General Hospi-General Hospital, Denver, Colorado; tal and has served at Fort Sill, Ok-William Beaumont General Hospital, lahoma, Philippine Islands, and re-El Paso, Texas; Philippine Islands, and Tientsin, China. She returned stationed at Letterman Hospital. to Letterman General Hospital in 1st Lieut. Josie Self was born at May 28, 1937, for duty.

born in Osceola, Wisconsin, and Tennessee. She was appointed to trained at St. Mary's Hospital in the Army Nurse Corps at Walter Minneapolis, Minnesota. She enlist- Reed Hospital on September 19, ed in the Army Nurse Corps in Oc- 1930, and has served in San Juan, She served in the first World War tober 29, 1918, and has served at Puerto Rico, Hot Springs, Arkansas,

served for three years, was sworn turned to the Mainland in 1939 to be

Graysville, Georgia, and took her 1st Lieut. Alvine L. Schmidt was professional training at Chattanooga,

Army Nurse Corps in September 3, the Army Nurse Reserves and General Hospital for the past four

1st Lieut. Lucile Chase was born in Tennessee, "The land of fair women and brave men.' Her early home was Burnsville, North Carolina. Her Army career began in 1939 at Fort Benning, Georgia, where she served till coming to Letterman in 1941.



Help your county meet its quota. Invest 10% of your income in War Bonds regularly, regular.y regularly.



1st. Lieut. GRASSMYER



1st. Lieut. SCHMIDT



1st. Lieut. SELF



1st. Lieut. CHASE

years she resigned from the service, but enlisted again in 1928 and was stationed at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C. In 1931 she was stationed at Honolulu, and from 1935 to 1939 at West Point. Since 1939 her work has been here at Letterman Hospital. She is ready now for the assignments that may come, incident to her new promo-

1st Lieut. Anna P. Hart was born in Bellota, California, graduated from grammar and high school in Francisco. She was appointed to the Hospital. In April 1930 she joined in El Paso, Texas; and at Letterman

after the Armistice. After three Illinois; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort to Letterman General Hospital on Sam Houston, Texas; Marfa, Texas; September 29, 1941. Sternberg General Hospital, Manila, Philippine Islands; Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C.; her nurses training at Sayre, Penn-Fort Totten, New York; Fort Riley, Kansas, Walter Reed, and Letterman General Hospital.

was born in Newton, Illinois, took her professional training at the Den- pital No. 77, in 1918, and returned to ver, Colorado, Precbyterian Hospital the United States in July, 1919. She Training School in the first gradua- has been stationed at Carlisle, Pennting class in 1928. Following her sylvania; Camp Pike, Arkansas; graduation she took four months Philippine Islands; Walter Reed Linden, and took her professional preliminary training before the General Hospital, Washington, D. C.; training at Franklin Hospital, San opening of the Denver Childrens' William Beaumont General Hospital

and returned to the United States Camp Grant, Illinois; Fort Sheridan, Manila, Philippine Islands, and came

1st Lieut. Clara W. Woodruff was born in Ithaca, New York, and took sylvania. On being appointed to the Army Nurse Corps in March 23, 1918, she was stationed at Camp 1st Lieut. Nila Pearl Rutherman Jackson, South Carolina. She has served in Beaune, France, Base Hos-



A locksmith who lived in Key West,

Said-"I have a plan to suggest:

> Buy Bonds-all you can; They'll help lick Japan-

THE WOMEN'S WARD



Mrs. MARGARET HICKEY

of Roger Williams, famous for his so far there has been no news. independent mind. Mrs. Hickey can say "no" in a fashion so charming agreement. Women patients sometimes become restless, in which case only health-it is character.

St. Joseph Grammar School and the it. English High School in Providence. She took her professional training at the Rhode Island Training School for Nurses. This was, and is, an outstanding school famous for the Charles V. Chapin methods. She married in 1922 and resided in Saratoga, Florida, for some years.

Her sister, Eleanor O'Neil, an Army nurse, urged Mrs. Hickey to come to California five years ago. It was expected that the two sisters would retire one day and make their home together. But Sister Eleanor went to the Philippine Islands. There | Corridor at Women's Ward

Margaret Agnes Hickey, head is a report that she escaped by plane nurse on the Women's Ward is a to Mindinos, where the plane was splendid personality. She is a New wrecked. Each day Mrs. Hickey Englander of the very best brand, waits for the cable or letter telling She comes from the old home town of the final escape to Australia, but

Mrs. Hickey has been on Ward P for the past four years and never that it has the apparent effect of tires of it. "I have loved it every minute. There has been much sorrow, but there has been much joy. a visit from the head nurse spreads I think women would be better off sunshine everywhere. Nursing is not if they were more busy." Mrs. Hickey is an example of this gospel Mrs. Hickey graduated from the of being busy, and we honor her for





To 1st Lieut, and Mrs. John Gavin Tyndall, Field Artillery, a son, John Gavin Tyndall, III, born September 11, weight seven pounds, fourteen ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. James Thomas Hennessy, Coast Artillery, a son, James Michael Hennessy, born September 13, weight seven pounds, five and a half ounces.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Thomas Land, AAF, Foreign Service, a son. Thomas Eugene Land, born September 13, weight seven pounds.

GIVES FIVE **REASONS FOR** LEAGUE COLLAPSE

Five reasons why the League of Nations failed are given by Dr. Malbone W. Graham, professor of political science on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"First," states Dr. Graham, "was the cardinal sin of scrapping the machinery of cooperation developed during war time-junking the whole political, economic and financial organization behind the winning of the war, and a large part of its personnel, methods and procedure.

"Second, the systematic dilution of authority, particularly the successive redrafts of the covenant which took out the essence and filtered the substance of fundamental provisions.

"Third, the right of withdrawal from the League, which had hardly been thought of before the framing of the covenent, but which became a

"Fourth, the rule of unanimity, which virtually reduced the confederacy of Geneva to the old Alliance pattern.

"Fifth, the right of members to regard disputed questions as involving domestic issues, and, so, outside the jurisdiction of the League.

"The confederal pattern perished in 1939, precisely because of its confederal character, for a lack of power of coercion over component states. Its political powers were so decentralized as to be continually subject to nullification at the hands of infinitesimal minorities."

Major Alward Heads Women's Ward At LGH

Major H. C. Alward, M. C., Ward Officer of Wards "P" and "R," has been attached to Letterman Hospital since June, 1942. He is a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology. He is a graduate of McGill University School of Medicine of the class of 1924. The major is married and



Major H .C. ALWARD

lives in Los Angeles. The Alwards have one child, a boy of twelve years. The major is especially interested in the legal aspect of medical affairs as a sort of hobby.



Major R. D. FRIEDLANDER

Major R. D. Friedlander, M.C. Assistant Chief of the Medical Services assists Major Alward in the care of patients on Ward "P".

Serve in Silence



William De Mello, Catcher and Captain. Bill has been a spark plug and inspiration throughout the entire season, taking over the managerial reins during the absence of Coach West, and doing a fine job. He hails from Oakland, California, and played high school ball at McClymonds High School.



Albert Giovanetti, Short-Stop.

"The Dago" to his teammates was formerly the property of the Brooklyn Dodgers. He is the leading hitter on the club. He attended Technical High School in Oakland, and spent two years playing semi-pro ball.



Robert L. White, Centerfield. Little, but also a little rugged. One of the fastest men on the Club, and an exceptional bunt artist. Comes from Dayton, Ohio, and is the baby of the squad, only eighteen years of age.

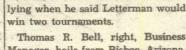


George Leyrer, Jr., Second Base. The fastest man on the club and also one of the most dangerous when the chips are down. Farmed out two years with Joplin, Missouri, New York Yankee farm club. His home is in Los Angeles.



Captain Frank R. Day, left, popular sponsor of the Letterman Softball Team, was instrumental in the forming of a two-league winning team, procured uniforms, which resulted in the Medics being the snappiest looking team in the league, and "went to bat" to secure transportation for the team, to and from games.

Merle C. West, center, Coach and Manager, is a native of Chelan, Washington. All the players have nothing but praise for the way he handled the team and how he went out of his way many times for them.



Thomas R. Bell, right, Business Manager, hails from Bisbee, Arizona. He has played semi-pro ball himself and has proved to be a competent business manager, always working for the good of the club, and helping to bring the season to a successful close.

Missing at the time the pictures were taken were Arthur Anderson of Redwood City and Roger Campbell of Minneapolis, Minn.



Jack S. Craig, Pitcher. sack played nearly every position on the club during the season and played them all very brilliantly. Always keeps up with his share of the hits, as well as tending to the pitching chores. Another Los Angeles product.



Roy L. Gerome, Short Field. Roy started late in the season, but rapidly took over both in the fielding and hitting departments. One of the finest defensive players in the city, he comes from Sebastopol,



Exymond E. Edmondson, inneider.

"The Butcher" comes from Oakland, California, and cracks those base hits like he is weighing streaks — usually a little extra. One of the best hustlers on the team, and able to fill in at any position.



Laurence E. Evans, Outrees. A hard-ball player by trade, but took to softball like a duck to water. Always dangerous with the bat—and a good hustler. Hails from St. Louis, Missouri, and is a devoted Cardinal fan.



Ross H. Morey. The Farmer claims he got his start throwing corn cobs at jack rabbits, but we must admit, it was a good start. Played Left Field, and an excellent defensive ball player. Has a throwing arm that is highly respected throughout the league. In a recent communique, the Farmer says he is from "somewhere in Nebraska."



Milton D. Carlson. A good dependable ball player, never sensational, but always coming through in the pinch. Milt filled in both Infield and Outfield, and did a very fine job of both. Milton first saw daylight in Lead, South Dakota.



David B. Goodman, Outfield. A product of Detroit, Michigan, where he played professional football and also played Army football at Camp Grant. Dave was another late comer to the club, but did much to aid in driving the team to the City Championship.



Edward F. Haverty, Thiru Base. The Irishman played bang-up ball all season, and led the team in home runs. Is always at his best when the going gets tought, and likes to play barefooted. In a recent poll he was voted the team's handsomest man. Hav comes from Oakland where he played for Mc-

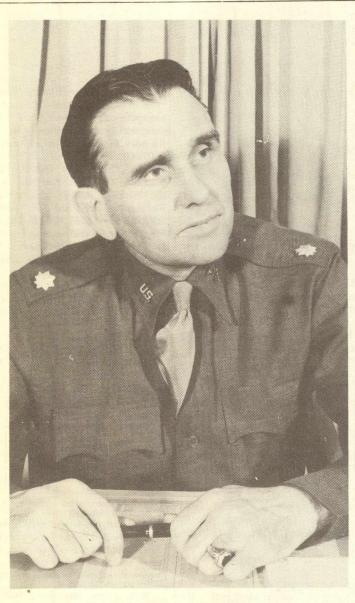
Clymonds High School.

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COL. LITTERAL HAS BEEN ORDERED TO NEW POST



Lt. Col. EMMETT B. LITTERAL, M. C.

For the past four and one-half years on duty here in the Neuropsychiatric Section of the Medical Detachment, has gone to another station. Lt. Col. Emmett B. Litteral, MC, well known and highly esteemed by all members of the Letterman General Hospital command, is under orders for a new mission. The Neuropsychiatric Section under his direction established a splendid record here. His leadershp has brought with it a new building program and many improvements, so that Letterman has a reputation in which Col. Litteral has played a splendid part.

The Litterals are the genial type of folks who make Army leadership a thing to be admired and enjoyed. The Colonel is famous for his humor as we have known him socially, and both he and Mrs. Litteral will be missed by a host of friends.

Colonel Litteral, we bid you Godspeed in your service in behalf of men and the army.

BONDS

Private Edward F. McNally, patient here at Letterman Hospital, late from overseas, buys \$1500 of Bonds. Cash on the barrel head, too! Congratulations, Edward. It shows that our soldiers know how to save money and know how to invest it. Too much stress cannot be given to the need for everyone saving till it hurts. It is reported by those in high authority that Americans must be prepared to go on a lower standard of lving if we are to win the war. The clue to such reduction is the art-long lost in America-of saving and careful investing.

Twenty thousand pounds of nickel—enough to make armor-plate for 55 medium tanks—will be conserved this year by one manufacturer through substitution of a newly developed steel for a nickel alloy in war needed electronic equipment.

A new opaque glass floats like a cork. It can be sawed and drilled.

ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST

The rules for the one-act play contest sponsored by the Special Service Office, Second Service Command, and Mr. John Golden, are printed for the benefit of any would be Shakespeare who may be waitin for just such a golden opportunit to bring themselves a nice fat Christ mas check.

- Only scripts written by Army men especially for this contest will be considered. No play that has been shown elsewhere will be eligible.
- 2. Plays should require no les than fifteen minutes, and no mor than forty minutes to be performed
- 3. Manuscripts should be writte on only one side of the paper, an the sheets should be bound togethe by some simple means. The title of the play, the name and address of the author, should be plainly state on the cover or top page.
- 4. Manuscripts should be submitted to Special Service Officer, Se ond Service Command, Room 120 165 Broadway, New York City, an must be received no later than noo of December 21, 1942.
- 5. The judges will make every effort to see that all manuscripts are turned to their authors but car not be responsible for their loss it transit, etc.
- 6. No limitation is placed upon the subject matter, content, or form of the plays. But since the main of jective of the contest is to find play that will provide lively entertainment for Army men who represent he widest possible audiences, high brow poetic themes, or plots involving subtle psychological motives, whose at a heavy disadvantage to begwith. Plays based on humor, or of the simplest, cleanest and commone human values will be preferred.
- 7. While the use of themes, speed es, or situations that are patriotic, stimulating to a higher devotion

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Chaplain Earl D. Weed Conducts Training School

Chaplain Earl D. Weed, of the Western Defense Command, will conduct a five days Chaplains' School and Field Exercises in Los Angeles. The substance of the school is forty hours of class instruction dealing with all the academic phases of our chaplains' work. In addition, there are eight hours of field exercises in protection against chemical warfare, first aid, map reading exercises, etc.

The school is being held at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles through the courtesy of the University Religions Conference Committee.

Chaplain H. E. Bottemiller, Assistant Chaplain of the Western Defense Command will teach one of the courses.

The Chaplain's office at the Presidio is now charged with all chaplain's religious supplies for the whole Western Defense Command. This is a splendid service and we may add, a very efficient one. Letterman General Hospital has gotten many supplies, testaments and devotional reading from the office in the past and appreciates the service.

The United States steel industry thus far in 1942 has turned out 49,-719,071 net tons of ingots and steel for castings, which is within 2 per cent of production in the whole of 1917, the peak year in World War I.

Serve in Silence



Chaplain EARL D. WEED Western Defense Command

Chaplain Weed knows what battle action is, having received the Distinguished Service Cross, Service Star Citation, Order of the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Victory Ribbon with Six Battle Clasps.



PERSONNEL OF the Chaplain's office, Western Defence Command, Presidio of San Francisco, includes Miss Helen M. Dean, left, Pfc. Walter Bryant, S/Sgt. Lester T. Sigler, and Sgt. Edward B. Pietrzak.

Beautiful Isle of Somewhere

There is an old song about a beautiful isle—we have never known just where it was. Again we hear of such islands, where, we do not know, but we know the occupants of such islands.

2nd Lieut. Reanier is well known to many here at Letterman General Hospital. She writes to Chaplain Shuder about the islands and people there and conditions, and what is more important, her beautiful chow dog Stubby.

Stubby probably is still waiting the draft here in the good U. S. A. When he visited the hospital here while Miss Reanier was stationed here he proved that he was a real Chow dog. He looked like one and he ate like one.

Greetings, Lieut. Reanier from all "Beatiful Isle of Somewhere."

ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST

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Army duties, or to a clearer understanding of the issues of the war—
is certainly acceptable, it should be
understood that the purpose of the
contest is not necessarily to find patriotically inspiring plays so much as
good entertainment. Inspiration and
entertainment, however, are not at
all incompatible, and perhaps the
most perfect form would be a little
play that is entertaining and inspirational. In the last analysis, however,
entertainment should be stressed as
the first consideration.

8. A factor in the awarding of prizes will be the facility with which the manuscript can be performed in ordinary camp theaters. The type of acting required, the scenic backgrounds, costumes, props, and makeup should all be within the limitations of the usual soldier theatrical enterprise. The decisive factor, however, will be entertainment value of the play for the soldier audiences.

JUDGES: are Rachel Crothers, George Abbot, Guy Bolton, Rosê Franken, Frederick Lonsdale, Austin Strong, Samson Raphaelson, Kenyon Nicholson, and John Golden.

PRIZES: are \$100, \$80, \$60, \$40, \$20 for the first five winners respectively. All rights from production of the play, and from royalties on a book containing the five plays accrue to the winners. However, all performances of the prize plays in Army camps shall always be free of royal-ty.

ALL SCRIPTS MUST BE CLEAR-ED THROUGH POST PUBLIC RE-LATIONS OFFICER

SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH SCRIPT. CLOSING DATE DEC. 21,

NAME of contestant.
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POST
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DATE

A railroad locomtive, quickly parked outside a war plant's fence and connected to the factory's steam lines, supplied power and saved precious time recently when split boiler tumes threatened to stop production.

With a new flash lamp that can be mounted directly on a camera it is possible to take a photograph in one twenty thousandth of a second.

of us, to you and all of you on your "Beatiful Isle of Somewhere."

Captain Tinsley Leaves Letterman For Lawson



Capt. MILTON TINSLEY, M.C. Formerly on Surgical Staff. LGH, now at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.

Captain Milton Tinsley is a splendid example of thorough training in professional service. Following his graduation in medicine from the University of Illonois, in 1935, he was an interne at the Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. He did post graduate work as a Psychiatric interne in the Elgin State Hospital. For two years he did post graduate studies in Neurology and Neuro-Surgery under Dr. Eric Oldberg at the University of Illinois. Then came a fellowship in Neuro-Surgery at Lehey Clinic under Dr. Gilbert Horrax. For some time he was an instructor in Neurology and Neuro-Surgery at the University of Illinois Medical

student of his profession and one of the masters of his art. Many of us will follow him as he progresses on his special field of Neuro-Surgery. He is man we will remember with pleasure and be glad to recall our associations with him while he was on duty here at Letterman.

Three years ago, U. S. aircraft makers, employing 30,000 workers and producing at the rate of 3,000 planes a year, needed 10 men to addressed. make each plane. Now, employing more than 400,000 workers and producing at the rate of 48,000 planes a year, they need only 8.3 men per ger and more complicated.

SUGGEST CHRISTMAS PARCELS BE MAILED TO SERVICE MEN SOON

Christmas parcels and cards for the men overseas should be mailed during the period beginning October 1 and ending November 1, 1942, according to William H. McCarthy, Postmaster of San Francisco, Each parcel should be endorsed 'Christmas Parcel." Mail early is again a wise precaution.

Because of limited and restricted shipping space the public is urged not be imported, or, if received, to confine the size of packages to that of an ordinary shoe box and the weight to six pounds. The official limit, however, is eleven pounds.

Service men are well provided with food and clothing. Therefore, the following suggestions are appropriate: Toilet articles, soaps, razor blades, lotions, small pocket size military cases, stationery, books, tobacco and hard candy. Perishables must not be included.

Great distances and the frequent handling and storage of this mail make it necessary that all gifts be packed in strong boxes or containers and covered with wrappers of sufficient strength to withstand the pressure of other mail which may be piled thereon.

Intoxicants, inflammable materials, matches of all kinds, lighter fluids, poisons, or other compositions, which may kill or injure another or damage the mails, are pro-

Parcels must be addressed legibly. If addressee is in the Army, show name and rank, Army serial number, branch of service, organization, APO number, and post office through which parcels are to be routed. If addressee is in the Ma-Captain Tinsley was a thorough rines, show rank or rating, full name, U.S.M.C., U. S. Marine Corps Unit No...... and post office through which parcels are to be routed. In all cases the name and address of sender should be plainly typed or printed on each piece of mail.

> Postage must be fully prepaid. The rate on parcels of fourth-class matter (parcels exceeding 8 ounces) is the zone rate applicable from the post office where mailed to the post office in care of which parcels are

Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Please do not open until Christmas,' etc., may be placed on the covering of a parcel or on an plane-and the planes are far big- enclosed card. They must not interfere with the address.

Gifts of more than ordinary value should be insured. Those of great value should be sealed and forwarded by first-class registered mail.

Postal money orders provide useful and acceptable gifts for members of the armed forces outside the continental United States. In many cases places where our forces are stationed. United States money cancould not be used. United States postal money orders may be cashed at Army Post Offices wherever they may be located and will be negotiable in local foreign currency at the current rate of exchange.

ART GENIUSES DEVELOPING

Along with all the technical training born of war there were never so many artistic geniuses among students, declares Robert Tyler Lee. assistant in art, who has been on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California for fifteen

"It is a most creative period. We have better writers, actors, composers and designers, many of them under twenty years of age. The number of highly talented students is phenomenal." says Lee. "Along with creative impulse is a dynamic force and a strong feeling of interdependence."

Lee, who is an assistant in art and dance and physical education for women, has taken a prominent part in the productions of the Campus Theatre and Associated Stu-

Taxation and Profits

The Treasury Department recommended to Congress a deduction in individual income tax exemptions to \$500 for each dependent. The Treasury also proposed a ten per cent tax on consumer spending and high penalty rate for luxury spending. At the request of Congress, the Treasury outlined a sales tax levied against the retailer who would pass it on to the consumer. War expenditure in August were \$4,900 Million, more than three times greater than the amount spent for national defense a year ago. Income payments to individuals in July were 21 per cent more than July 1941, and were at the record annual rate of \$114 Billion a year, the Commerce Department said.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Leonard P. Bell. appointed Staff Sergeant; Paul T. Jenkins, appointed Technician Third Grade: Robert J. Bement, Robert P. Gunthorp, William H. McDoanald, Elmer E. Cofer, Caesar J. Michelotti. John V. Ryan, William S. Taylor, Jr., Arthur B. Anderson, William G. Louch and Walter W. Ross appointed Sergeants: Edward A. Arnaiz and Leo W. Gustafson appointed Technician Fourth Grade: Raymond P. Anweiler. Donald F. Bozarth, Anthony L. Domingos, Clyde W. Nelson, Martin W. Tolzmann and Curtis R. Pike appointed Corporals; Irving Bender. Henry W. Kramer, Raymond E. Ryckman, Amos M. Skadsheim, Joseph H. Thomas, Ira B. Carlton, Edward S. Christopherson, Byron P. Scism, Peter Nuccio and Max W. Reynolds appointed Technicians Fifth Grade; and Noel E. Aas, Lewis W. Anderson, John A. Babisch, Joseph A. Brandon, Charles G. Harshbarger, John L. Montano, Roy L. Napps, Alfred W. Powell, Jr., Benhard O. Priesmeyer, Joseph P. Sansone, Alex Schlesinger, Gerald V. Schuppner, Horace M. Ulmer, Samuel P. Felton, John T. Daly and Albert J. Williams appointed Privates First Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Corporal Edward Blythin wreathed in smiles after a long distance phone call from a certain young lady back in Cleveland, Ohio.

Tech. 4th Gr. David C. Tanner, Jr., leaving the ranks of the bachelors upon purchase of one marriage certificate.

The members of the detachment again bringing up the subject of a basketball team . . . and rather persistently, too.

S/Sgt. Thomas R. Bell and Sgt. Norman Wallace "gold-bricking" in the hospital. Get well fellows.

Former S/Sgt. Alfred Baer back for a visit to Letterman but as 2nd Lieut. Buer. Mighty nice. . . .

Two more former LGHer's, Norman D. Stoeckle and Francis Mc-Donald, back visiting, and as flying cadets.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

GUARDIANS OF AMERICA

In World War I, a young man by the name of Mr. Odom D. Foster developed the idea known popularly as "Comrades in Service." This organization was later rated by General Pershing as a very significant contribution to the armed forces overseas. At this time, Mr. Foster is leading the same idea forth under the head of "Guardians of America." The idea underlying the program is that each military unit, set up within itself a provision for the complete needs of the unit in matters of recreation, special studies, entertainment and the promotion of the necessary social factors without which an army unit is impaired.

In World War I, American soldiers for some time looked to outsiders to bring in recreative events. It was unfortunate, for when the men needed the entertainment most, none was available. We have in every army group of splendid young men many of talent. If this talent is called for it can be freely had. A live organization in which all contribute is a certain way to be self-supporting recreationally. It is believed that all officers and members of this or any other unit should, as part of their training for service, study this suggestion. America tomorrow must somehow look more and more within the local unit for recreation and less and less to the present system of hiring entertainment or accepting it as a gift.

Forty-three per cent of all the motor vehicles ever sold in the United States are still in operation.



The Observer not only saw but heard-the downstairs move upstairs! The Unit Personnel is now much more what the name impliesa real unit. It is to be congratulated on the new offices.

Colonel Herbert, our Registrar, has registered a new story on "Moses"-perhaps it should be Moses brought up to date. When Col. Herbert and Col. Litteral get together the collision means a laugh. If you are interested in the Promised Land get Col. Herbert's directive.

The Tennis Courts are mighty busy these days after 4:30 p. m. Why not come out and see, hear, and enjoy the games. "Super Man" will be there, "K-K," "Smitty," "Muscles," "School Boy Rowe," "Audrey" and many others. What fun! Tennis in which we all participate is "recreation." If we only come to look and listen it may be only "entertainment."

The smoke of cigarettes rises easily-but the smokers on the third floor do a lot of puffing in rising from the main to the top floor. That "carload" advertisement could be rewritten-the pull going upstairs is tremendous.

The dullness of the days caused by fog and other weather conditions is somewhat offset by the illumination originating at the new PX shoe store, where many officers may be seen in the new, shiny, military shoes purchased there.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

September 29th and 30th-SWEETHEART OF THE FLEET-Jinx Falkenburg and Robert Stevens. Also Short Subjects.

October 1st and 2nd-

SYNCOPATION - Harry James, Benny Goodman, Adolph Menjou, Bonita Granville. Also Short Sub-

October 3rd and 4th-

AFFAIRS OF MARTHA-Richard Carlson, Marsha Hunt. 'Also Short Subjects.

SHORTAGE OF **TEACHERS**

A shortage of teachers is developing in California, but so far rather than being general it relates more to type of teacher and school. So says Herman A. Spindt, manager of the Bureau of Guidance and Placement in the University of California. He says the situation will grow worse as the war progresses and will be felt keenly after it ends.

"Isolated one and two-teacher schools are having real difficulty in getting teachers, partly becase of the general demand for elementary teachers," says Spindt, "and partly because of the tire shortage preventing travel to a school at a distance from a boarding place. Women who wish to teach in small schools and who qualify for the California credential should consult one of the University or state college placement offices, or list their qualifications with their own county superintend-

"In the secondary field, there is an acute lack of teachers of industrial arts, with a developing shortage of physics, chemistry and mathematics teachers. There still is a small surplus in the fields of English, language and social science.

"The demands of military service and war industries will make the general teacher situation more difficult as the war advances, because the classes now being trained are smaller than usual. Unless more are trained, there is every prospect of a severe shortage of elementary teachers after the war is over."

ARMY AND THE SELECTIVE SERVICE

Assistant Secretary of War Mc-Cloy said that between February 1 and August 30, U. S. Army planes destroyed 234 Japanese planes in the air, compared with American losses of 109. This record, together with the "flying tigers" record of 218 Japanese planes destroyed as against loses of 84, is due mainly to the performance of the P-40 fighters, he said. The Army said it has developed a system of technical inspection and maintenance supervision of aircraft that is undoubtedly the finest in the world. The War Department sent 36,000 dependents allowance checks totaling \$4,500,000 to relatives and dependents of enhisted men in the four lower grades of the service.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, September 27, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

a. m. In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

ENFORCED SAVINGS IS HERE

We are thankful it is not a tax. Bonds are a loan. The money of the bonds will come back to us and come back with interest. What is ever so much more important, it will come back to us with FREEDOM!

Officers, nurses and enlisted men will naturally find some way to increase their loans to the government through the Pay Reservation Plan. Such action, while not mandatory, should be taken at once.

Civilians in government employ are, however, by War Department orders, expected to adopt the Pay Reservation Plan at once. Civilians are expected to buy bonds at the rate of ten percent of their payroll. Ninety percent of all persons on payroll is the minimum quota.

"Reservations authorized by a civilian employee is at the rate of not less than \$12.50 per month except for employes paid less than \$1500.00 per annum, in which case reservations at a rate of \$7.50 or \$10.00 per month will be accepted."

This action on the part of the Government has been expected for some time. Now that it has come. let us act at once.

Chaplain Shuder is War Bond Officer, Room 211, Administration Building. Forms are available to increase bond subscriptions and to initiate a Pay Reservation for you.

Democracy can win by saving. Many officers, nurses, and soldiers, as well as civilians here at Letterman are buying bonds for cash. This is good work, but Letterman gets no credit for it. It is better to buy through the Pay Reservation Plan especially devised for your conven-

Since the war began, nearly 100 new chemical and powder plants have been built in America.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



VINCENT L. BARNES

In the files of the Court House of Portland, Oregon there is a statement to the effect that approximately 27 years ago Vincent L. Barnes was born. Upon the supposition that this statement might be true, we have chosen this saintly example of perfect masculinity as our all important "Buck of the Week."

Our hero has lived an almost normal life to the extent of attending school and obtaining a position with the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. Through two years he labored diligently at this laborious task and finally Uncle Sam, through the Selective Service Act, saved the S. P. Co. a rather embarassing situation by inducting this great man into the Armed Forces of the United States. Armed Forces? L. G. H. via the Medical Replacement Training Center at Camp Grant has been the extent of active duty that "Vinnie" has enjoyed thus far.

This prospective P. F. C. has been stationed, while at Letterman, in the Receiving and Disposition Office, where he can be found any day slaving over a hot typewriter; typing with his left hand and erasing with his right. It's a great fight 'cause neither hand ever gains much of an advantage.

This bewildered Adonis has one of the most astonishing hobbies known to man or beast. He doesn't collect items, yet he is always searching. For what, you ask? Shamefacedly and with much persussion I must confess, his white uniforms. Most anytime he can be found rummaging through the Linen Room in search of carefully misplaced whites.

He is easily recognized by his jovial Ipana smile, his soldierly bearing, and a small tuft of "missed" whiskers adorning his Adam's Apple. This tuft of whiskers plus his at attention posture gives him the appearance of a proud, domineering

STUDY FINDS FLAT FEET, KNOCK KNEES COMMON

Nearly all children have flat feet and knock knees shortly after they start walking, according to a recent study of a group of normal boys and girls conducted at the University of California Institute of Child Welfare, under Dr. Harold E. Roe, pediatrician, and Dr. Herbert S. Conrad, research associate at the institute.

A normal phase of natural development caused by undeveloped feet and leg muscles and poor sense of balance in early childhood, the tendency to flat feet and knock knees is only temporary, the condition becoming most pronounced when a child is about three years old and usually disappearing by the age of seven, according to the report of the study. The rate of recovery may be retarded, however, by fatigue, Malnutrition, obesity, and shoes that are too rigid or too short.

Parents of a child showing a high degree of knock knees and flat feet should therefore ask themselves whether he appears underweight or unusually overweight, easily fatigued or physically under par, say the doctors. If so, it should serve as warning that the child requires prompt medical attention. Also, if a marked degree of knock knees or flat feet persists after the age of about five or six, a special visit to the pediatrician is desirable. Otherwise the condition in early childhood does not usually require medical at-

The importance of wearing proper footwear is stressed by the doctors conducting the study, who warn that thick-soled or hightop shoes tend to make knock knees and flat feet worse by interfering with normal muscular development and the child's natural method of walking, and recommend moccasin or sandal type footwear as the ideal shoes for the growing child.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS.

Our very dear associate has been a member of a cadre for these past many months now due to the great trust that has been placed in his ability. Six cadres have left since he was placed on the list. Doggedly he sticks to it. Who knows, perhaps

turkey gobbler, and-very good too.

someday he might leave Letterman! (By Cpl. Anthony L. Domingos)

Pepsi-Cola Team Hits the Spot-Takes Two from LGH

Somewhat improved over last week's triple loss, the Letterman Bowling squad managed to win one out of three games Friday night at the Broadway Van Ness Alley when they played the Pepsi-Cola team.

Corporal Technician Frank Marano was high bowler for the evening with a 548 triple, followed by Sgt. Wilcox with a 527. Mottier, Yohe and Kuntz managed to get close to the 500 total.

The Letterman men won the first game with a score of 876 to 849, losing the next two by scores of 809 to 812 and 827 to 831. Sgt. Mottier and Wilcox, each sporting new bowling balls, failed to help in winning any of the series with any outstanding

Three men from the Letterman Bowling team, Sgt. Mottier, Sgt. Kuntz, and Sgt. Wilcox are bowling for the Army YMCA Presidio together with Staff Sgt. R. L. Stevenson and Sgt. Harold Schaefer of the Military Police in a 915 traveling league bowling each Tuesday evening. Sgt. Wilcox joined the team recently, taking the place of Captain Eckman, who dropped out because of duty, and also to be free for the City Sweepstakes Series each Sunday night. Captain Eckman is a very good bowler and the team will miss him very much.

Sunday, September 27, the Army YMCA team is having a match game with the city's five best bowlers sponsored by the Santa Fe Trailways System. Team Captain Robert Wilds promises lots of competition for the Army team which will be rolled off at the Presidio's new bowling alley near the Presidio Guard House. This match is scheduled for 2 p. m. and Letterman rooters will be very wel-

A tire manufacturer has developed a "tire girdle," which fits snugly around the inner tube, affording enough protection to allow the use of an old tire. The "girdle" is made of cotton cord.

caded the entrance of its plant with sandbags and other trapping of front-line war, until it looks like a trench. The idea is to remind workers that they are solders of production.

"Buy More WAR BONDS"

ON THE SPOT



D. SEBASTIAN SCHIFFER

D. Sebastian Schiffer, who recently returned from overseas, has been in the Army for more than two years. He enlisted at Fort McArthur, California Quartermaster Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington. While at Fort Lewis he was sent to Administration School, and upon completion of that course became a company clerk. He worked at that until February, 1941, at which time he was sent to the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center at Fort Warren as a member of a Cadre. Upon the activation of his Quartermaster training he was made Chief Clerk and worked at that until he was assigned to Special Duty as Regimental Utilities Sergeant.

He was sent overseas in February, 1942, where he saw exciting action. His outfit was subject to air-raids by the enemy almost daily. It was during one of these raids that he lost his closest friend and buddy.

Dexter was born in San Francisco on December 2, 1920, and attended school there and in Los Angeles. His interest in journalism, which he studied in school, has caused him to become active in the publishing of several camp papers.

Before enlisting in the army he made his living as a professional boxer, under the name of Nate Jackson. He has had 112 fights as an amateur and pro, and has won 78 of them, 33 by the KO and TKO route, and the rest by decisions. He was the Pacific Coast Middleweight Champ in 1939.

It is interesting to note that while he was hospitalized overseas, he was A California company has barri- promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant for "past performance of duty." Sergeant Schiffer, upon his removal from the list of ailing, is to be retained by the army on a lmited duty status, and hopes to attend Officers Candidate School.

Serve in Silence

The Stork Takes A Lesson At Letterman



1st. Lieut. CHARLES C. MOHUN, M. C.

the population brought into the world ata Letterman General Hospital are listed in the Fog Horn under the head of "The Stork Was Here." From a legendary standpoint the long-legged bird may get credit for all the babies born, but a visit to Ward H dispels any idea that his "down the chimney" technique is even remotely connected with that department which functions so efficiently and skillfully under the direction of 1st Lieut. Charles C. Mohun, Officer in Charge.

The popularity of the ward is apparent when it is considered that the applicants for admission are approximately three times the number it is possible to accommodate. Lieut. Mohun is very proud of the fact that the department is thoroughly furnished with the most modern equipment, including two incubators for premature babies. He pointed out that statistically, during the last six months, the boys have outnumbered the girls by a score of sixty-one to forty-nine.

1st Lieut. Charles C. Mohun was born in San Francisco, and attended pre-college schools at Santa Clara and St. Ignatius. He took his medical training at the St. Louis University School of Medicine, and upon

Each week the latest additions to lobtaining his degree in 1926, he interned at the St. Louis City Hospital and specialized in obstetrics at Sloane's Hospital in New York and the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital. He returned to San Francisco in 1929 and entered private practice, specializing in obstetrics. The Lieut, became a Reserve Officer in 1926, and when he was ordered



V FOR VICTORY appears again, when the cribs of the Letterman Hospital "Bundles from Heaven" are swung into line by 2nd Lieut, Julia A. Gallagher and 2nd Lieut, Lucile M. Bakers, nurses in attendance on Ward H.



Wasted money is wasted lives. Don't waste precious lives. Every dollar you can spare should be used to buy War Bonds. Buy your ten percent every pay day.

Because they played so big a part in the achievement, subcontractors were honored guests at a Wisconsin company's rally, which celebrated completion of the company's first tanks three months ahead of sched-

to active duty in February of 1942, his first assignment was at the Station Dispensary, Presidio of San Francisco. After eight months he was ordered to the 159th Infantry at San Luis Obispo for a short period of time and then assigned to Letterman Hospital.

Lieut. Mohun is married to Mary Elizabeth Paslick of Stockton, California, and they have two children, Charles, Jr., who is now three and one-half years old, and Mary Ann, who is thirteen months of age. The lieutenant considers himself very fortunate to be able to spend his free time with his family "at home," which is located just off the hospital grounds.

Dr. Frank B. Roger, graduate of the Ohio State University, and member of the Letterman Hospital interne class of 1943, is at present on duty on Ward H. Other members of the staff include 1st Lieut. Anna Beth Jones, Head Nurse; 2nd Lieuts. Lucile M. Baker, Margaret A. Pawloski, Julia A. Gallagher, Jeanne M. Gaillard, Mary C. McHugh; and Corporal Michael Flaz, attendant.

Interesting Life Of Corporal Flaz Is Revealed Here



Corporal MICHAEL FLAZ

Corporal Michael Flaz, Ward Attendant, Ward H, is a very interesting, but very modest man. Upon request he will speak in the Russian language, but claims that one forgets his native tongue very soon if the language is not spoken frequently. His modesty extends itself to his experiences, which we understand, have been colorful and exciting, although the corpoal does not elaborate in detail.

His birthplace was Keiv, Russia, but he came to the United States in 1912, living in Newark, New Jersey, until 1919, at which time he joined the Army. In his Army service he served with the United States forces in Siberia, and later in the Philippine Islands. He came to Letterman Hospital in 1940 from Washington, D. C.

His services on Ward H indicate that he is a carefully chosen man for his post, and especially one in which can be placed the highest trust. His ready smile is a benevolent contagion much appreciated by all who know him.

Seventeen pounds of salvaged kitchen fat provide enough glycerine to fire 85 anti-tank shells.

Engineers of an airplane plant have perfected a gigantic "shaker," which grasps a completed wing section and shakes it until all dropped rivets and other bits of stray metal have fallen out-accomplishing in two minutes a job that used to take



To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. John A. Brown, a daughter, Barbara Jeanne, born September 15, 1942, weight, nine pounds and three ounces.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. James K. Carmody, a daughter, Patricia Jeanne, born September 16, 1942, weight seven pounds and fourteen ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Glen H. Wolfsen, a son, Michael Glen, born September 16, 1942, weight, seven pounds and thirteen ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Walton P. Bethuy, a daughter, Jo-Ellen, born September 17, 1942, weight, six pounds and thirteen ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Doak A. Weston, a son, Michael John, born September 21, 1942, weight, eight pounds and ten ounces.

Miss Jones Heads Nurses' Activity At Ward H, LGH

Second Lieut. Anna Jones, Head Nurse of Ward H, was born in Williamsburg, Iowa. Miss Jones is a specialist in her work. She came into the Reserves and later on active duty for the past year and nine months, one year of which has been here at Letterman on Ward H. This speaks highly of her work and the fine service spirit which she exemplifies.

She says that Ward H is visited by the stork about eighteen times month. More storks would come but there is no room! From all accounts, a certain Major Schwarz in the Out-Patient Department is the officer controlling the stork traffic to Ward H. It would seem that the major is very particular about storks. It must be a hard job, for every one regrets that all storks may not come here with their precious burdens.

A new blackout paper is claimed to be resistant to water, as well as to fire. This means that color won't run when the paper is exposed to moisture. The paper is applied (on any surface) with a water-proof ad-

Magnetized metal inserts keep a new garment bag closed without requiring buttons, snaps or zippers, of electric lamps.

DIGITALIS FOUND IN THIS STATE

medicine, one of the drugs that in normal times is imported from Europe, can be furnished from California sources, says W. W. Robbins, professor of botany on the Davis campus of the University of California College of Agriculture. This plant, he says, while a native of Europe, has become thoroughly naturalized in the coastal sections of Humboldt and Mendocino counties, and northward into Oregon and Wash-

"Fortunately the amount of digitalis, also known as foxglove, that can be gathered from the wilds of these regions appears to be adequate for our domestic requirements," says been considerable increase in the collection of leaves fro mthese sourc-

Digitalis, an indispensable heart | es. The cost of collecting and drying digitalis from the wilds need be no greater than the cost of production from cultivated plants. Seed production need not be prevented and plants need not be destroyed in gathering leaves.

"Digitalis is cultivated to a limited extent on small farms in New Englan dand other scattered places, but on the Pacific Coast, where the plant grows so abundantly in the wild and can be gathered economically, there seems little need for developing a growing program. As a matter of fact, it is reliably estimated that the quantity of the drug usually imported could be grown on seventy-five acres of cultivated land. Therefore, Dr. Robbins. "Already there has there is little opportunity or necessity for creating a cultivated acreage of digitalis in this state."

HORSE SHOES MAY BE SCARCE AT ARAB RANCH

With a scarcity of horse shoes available for gaming, comes a threatened shortage of both shoes and nails at the very time when the cry is for more horses to take the place of automobiles.

At the Kellogg Institute of Animal Husbandry, where some four score Arabian horses are weekly shown to the public, it is reported by Manager C. E. Howell that only 75 per cent as much metal for saddles and harness parts is available as formerly, and horse shoes and nails may run short.

Among the famous horses at the ranch, which is operated by the University of California, are Jadaan, the steed of Rudolph Valentino of the motion pictures; King John, who modeled for "Snow White;" Rifia, winner of the Arab mare championship at the National Horse Show, Rifnas, who has appeared in the Tournament of Roses parades in Pasadena, and the rare twins, Calsabi and Calsabiyat.

Last year 157,000 visitors came to the ranch, mainly to view the Sunday afternoon performances.

An ordnance plant which turns out 1,000,000 pounds of war goods a day must haul in and out 18,000,000 pounds of material or enough to fill 500 freight cars.

Scales which are accurate within 40 billionths of a pound are used to measure the tungsten filament wire

TRANSPORTATION

The Office of Defense Transportation issued an order effective immediately, governing the operations of at least 50,000 automobiles used as taxicabs. The order (1) banned use of taxicabs for "social or recreational purpose of the driver or operators:" (2) established a national taxicab speed limit of 40 miles per hour "or any speed above that prescribed by competent public authority;" (3) prohibited use of taxies for making 'commercial deliveries of property;" (4) limited to 10 miles the distance a taxi may be operated beyond the corporate limits of the municipality in which the trip originated; (5) banned seeking cab passengers by 'cruising;" (6) limited to 25 miles the distance which may be traveled on any one trip; (7) prohibited vehicles not marked distinctly as taxicabs from being operated as such.

Milkweed floss is being used as a substitute for kapok in life preservers and flying suits.

An over-sized version of the electric heating pad has been developed by an airplane plant to eliminate the hitherto unavoidable wrinkling and buckling of the skins of wing structures while undergoing riveting.

The billion dollar paper industry of America owes its modern development to an insect.-Frederick Keller, inventor of the paper pulp machinery, first watched a wasp chew

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Again this month two more of our permanent Detachment men are leaving for Officers' School. They are First Sgt. Hilmer A. Fauske, and Allen R. Crampton of the X-Ray School, who recently was promoted to Staff Sergeant. These two men have been with the Detachment since it was organized a year and a half ago, and it goes without saying that they both will be missed very much. So, to the fture officers, we wish the very best of luck in their new ven-

A visitor this week was Sgt. Walter (Doc) Sambur, former instructor in the Laboratory School. He dropped in for a brief visit while on his way from Salt Lake City to ???, and exchanged a few words with old friends.

A wonderful time was had last week by members of the School Detachment and the students at a dance given by the nurses of St. Luke's Hospital. About sixty members attended and there were an equal number of student and graduate nurses to make the evening a lively one. The music was the latest recordings an dall the dancers were right in the groove. Refreshments were served (but good, too) and by the time the dance ended a good many dates were made. We hear that a couple of romances are in bloom as a result of the affair. Anyway, it was swell and we thank St. Luke's. We are looking forward to another invitation in the future.

It's graduating time again, and the place is busy; there is an air of tension. The graduating students are wondering what rating they will receive and the instructors are tearing their hair out trying to figure out what ratings to give them. But in a few days it will be all over and the Schools will settle down to their usual routine for another month.

Why scrap collection is as vital as gunpowder: 54% of last year's iron and steel came from scrap, as did 46 % of last year's antimony, 23 % of its aluminum, 21% of its rubber, 20% of its lead, 17% of its copper, wood into pulp and spread the paste 11% of its nickel and tin, 7% of its zinc.

FATHER'S FAREWELL TO SOLDIER SON

(Editor gives Khaki Bible and himself drilled for action in World War I. Bill is William H. Purcell, Jr., son of W. Henson Purcell, managing editor of the Daily American, West Frankfort, Ill. This article is reprinted from the Daily American.)

Well, Bill, your number is up. You are going to the army. There is a job of serious, nasty, and uncivilized business to be taken care of and you have been assigned a part in it.

The task is unpleasant, repulsive. The assignment is different to anything that you had planned. Yet it is a privilege as well as a responsibility. For only Americans—the finest of the nation's manhood-are eligible to march with Uncle Sam's armed citizenry and to participate in this grim game of war.

There is, now, but one thing to do. Make the most of it. Be a soldier in every sense of the word.

There is an inclination on the part of too many men, once they are in the army-away from the influences of home and family and reputationto cut loose, go the gaits. There is in the army, as in civilian life, every social stratum. Every man is on his own. The choice is yours.

Men, like water, ultimately seek their own level-in the army as elsewhere. Dont lower your standards. Bill.

Then, there is the matter of soldiering. The fellows who have difficulty with army life are those who refuse to adjust themselves to the rigid discipline that, although quite stern and harsh, is as necessary as are guns and tanks and palnes. The "yes, Sir" men are those who get along in the army.

To attempt to buck the game is folly. The army is bigger than any man in it. Failure to become a working part of it is the worse mistake any soldier can make. Army life is not easy. To cultivate a mental feeling of resentment and self pity can knows whether you will return. only make it more difficult. That is true of any station in life.

So, I hope, Bill, that you will be able to accept your lot in this grim business as just another chapter in life's exacting school of experience and endeavor to get out of it something worth while; something that tions and high honors for there are will help in the years ahead.

You can always find that something if you search diligently for iti. bring to you the satisfaction of do-Never cease searching.

I am saying these things to you-Army Book to boy born when he not because you are different to the is expected of a good soldier. millions of other young men who have gone and are going out to engage in this world contest in deathbut because you are my own flesh and blood.

> Because, man though you are, you will ever be that little boy of mine.

> The uniform that will shortly be issued to you stands for the high and noble principles upon which this nation was founded and has since existed-principles that, to much of the rest of the world, are unknown. It stands for freedom among men and nations: the right to live and the will to let live. It stands for humanity, civilization, Christianity.

> It has never gone to war except in defense of the principles for which it stands. It has never gone on a rampage of conquest of oppression. That uniform, Bill, is the hope of Old Glory and 130,000,000 Americans. It is the hope of civilization. Wear it proudly.

I remember well that day, almost 24 years ago, when, while sitting in a lecture period at Camp Gordon, I was handed a telegram that announced that you had made me a father. I was the soldier, then. You were the war baby.

I remember the day, four months later, when I gazed for the first time upon your face. I remember every day of your life since that time. I shall watch-and pray-every anxious day for your safe return.

When you have a son of your own some day, as I hope you shall, you will know what I mean. I hope your going to the army will be more successful in freeing your sons from the scourge of war than mine was for you.

-seemed to sort of satisfy my long-There are two things that I want to give you, Bill, as you go to join other fathers' sons in this business of killing, from which God alone

Both went with me into the army 25 years ago.

One is a khaki-covered textbook on military methods and soldiery. Peruse its pages and endeavor to master the art of being a good soldier. It may not bring you promoin the army, after all, more mere men than anything else. But it will ing well whatever you do. It will

help you to learn more quickly what

The other, also khaki-covered, is a Bible. Don't feel that to take it is being sissy. There will no doubt be times when just to hold it in your hand will bring a mysterious comfort. I confess that I read it but little while I was in uniform. Yet there were times when its nearness-the knowledge that it had stood the test of all time and countless other wars -seemed to sort of satisfy my longing for you and Mom-lull my homesickness for all the peaceful ways of life that had been disrupted by war.

Take them, Bill, and use them. Make the most of the army and come back a better man than when you left. There is, you know, a personal as well as a national victory to be

It seems a bit silly, doesn't it, to send you away with a gun in one hand and a Bible in the other? The gun to kill. The Bible: "Thou Shalt Not." There is no explanation except that the gun appears for the present to be necessary to our national security. The Bible has ever been our hope of eternal security.

Learn to use the gun, Bill, but rely, finally, upon the Bible.

And may the Good Lord-although I confess it is a big assign-

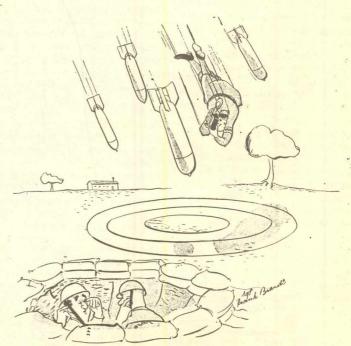
THE ARMED FORCES

President Roosevelt told his press conference he did not think it would be necessary to call up 18 and 19year-olds before the first of next year because Army training facilities at present are only equal to the number of men being taken in, but he is discussing with the Army whether enabling Legislation will be needed soon. Army ground forces Commander McNair announced the number of Army divisions in existence or being mobilized has more than doubled since January 1.

War Secretary Stimson announced the Air Transport Command will establish an experimental unit of 50 trained women aviators, the Women's Army Auxiliary Ferry Squadron, to ferry smaller army planes from factories to airfields. The weather Bureau called for 75 women airplane pilots to take a course in Meteorology Mr. Stimson also said the Army expects to call most, and possible all, student reservists who have reached Selective Service age to active duty by the end of the college term beginning in September.

ment-watch over and keep you, and those who go with you as the guardians of American freedom, until the day-and may He speed the daywhen he shall thank God for peace and a safe homecoming.

So long, Bill.



"I understand he's YANK's ace photographer." (No. 1

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Army 'Jawbone' Now Just Another of The Old Fossils

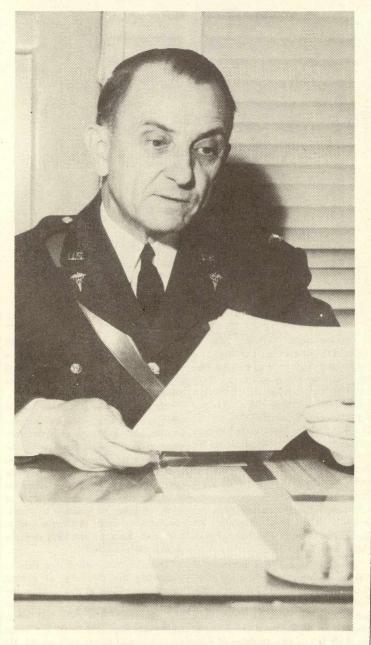
The old plaint about "someone always taking the joy out of life" may be heard in the barracks these days when the chatter gets around to the newest regulation governing business at the Post Exchange. Time honored "Jawbone" will soon be only a memory.

Under instructions issued by the War Deartment during the past. week all credit purchases will be suspended for the duration. No longer will it be possible to draw canteen checks on or about the 10th of the month to carry over until the next pay day. No longer will the officers and the enlisted men of the first three grades have the privilege of signing chits for merchandise purchased over the counter. From now on it will be a matter of putting the cash on the barrell head for the thousand and one articles handled by the army post exchanges within the continental limits.

A plan is being worked out by which the enlisted men may purchase canteen checks by payment in advance and use the coupons much the same as under the old system. There will no longer be the ordeal of the "Collection Sheet" near the pay table which too often managed to separate too much of the monthly stipend too soon after the organization commander or his representative had handed over the cash. For officers and others who enjoy post exchange privileges it will be a matter of cold cash at all times.

Experiments conducted at Fort Bragg for the past few months have proved the feasibility of doing a cash business in army post exchanges and the system now extended to cover the service had a fair chance to demonstrate that it can be done. In ad-

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Colonel GOUVERNEUR V. EMERSON, M. C.

Chief of the Surgical Service for the past two years, has been transferred to a new command.

Gen. Weed Presents Army-Navy 'E' to Local Red Cross

Acting as the representative of the Secretary of War by personal designation in orders from Washington, Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, presented the Army-Navy "E" pennant to the Red Cross Blood Procurement Center of San Francisco at ceremonies held on Wednesday of this week.

Corporal John P. Holloway, of the Army Air Force, and a patient at Letterman Hospital since last December, and Yeoman John Pica, U. S. Navy, were introduced to the assemblage as beneficiaries of the blood plasma which has been so diligently collected by humanitarians in all parts of the country. Holloway and Pica are both victims of wounds received in action against the enemy and both are alive today because of the blood plasma available at the time they sustained their injuries.

This was briefly stated in the remarks of General Weed as he presented the pennant to the San Francisco chapter of the Red Cross, General Weed said: "But for the life saying packages of plasma thousands would not be alive today. The blood donor service is a vivid illustration of the fact that the American Red Cross is the American People. It is strong because the people of the community, the husbands and wives, the executives and laborers, have made it strong. Without the people, the Red Cross would be like a mighty gun without ammunition, worthless "

Also speaking at the ceremony was Capt. E. U. Reed, U. S. N., district medical officer who praised the center as a "life saving assembly line" through which thousands have given that "someone else may have life."

He noted that up to July the Army (Continued on page three)

METHODIST JOURNAL HAS HIGH PRAISE FOR ARMY CHAPLAINS

Writing in the issue of "The Christian Advocate" for July 2, 1942, Mr. Clarence W. Hall, editor of that publication, which is the official journal of the Methodist Church. paid a glowing tribute to the Chaplains of the U.S. Army under the title of "God's Soldiers."

An extract from that article in which Mr. Hall pays tribute to the Chief of Chaplains is reprinted below, first, because it is a deserved tribute to an able executive, and secondly, because it is believed to be of general interest to the service at large.

"I spent one of the most interesting afternoons of my life in an interview with this man who is headshepherd for a flock of millions of new lambs. He is Brigadier-General William R. Arnold. The squarejawed, blue-eyed, sandy-haired, twofisted "Chief" is one of the most engaging personalities you'll contact in many a day's roving about among Washington's brass-hats. Colorful and dynamic, he's worth a whole tory in himself. It's too bad that space limitations demand that we just tack him on the end of this article. For, more than any other nan, General Arnold is responsible or the high quality and efficiency of the Chaplain's Corps as it exists today.

"I sailed into Arnold's office with formidable batch of questions. A ririle fellow, soldierly in appearance out fatherly in demeanor, he greets 70u with a bone-crushing handclasp and answers your questions with nachine-gun rapidity. The fifth nan to hold the high position of Chief of Chaplains, he is the first Roman Catholic to be so appointed. To me it is a testimonial to Arnold's towering ability that he thus far has conducted the affairs of his office in such a fair and unbiased manner that not even the most bigoted Protestant or Jew has been able to utter a speach of protest that would stand up under examination.

"I mentioned having seen a column in a national magazine wherein public opinion was being sought on the question: Does religion make a better fighting man? The query was said to have been inspired by him. I was interested to know if making better fighting men was his primary objective as a chaplain.

"He first bristled and then Army." laughed. "I should sue the editor



Brigadier General WILLIAM R. ARNOLD Chief of Army Chaplains

in making better fighting men as it true that a chaplain must inhibit such. I'm interested primarily, as any fervor he may have for active are all our chaplains, in making better men. Our job is spiritual. Making men better men will doubtless make them better soldiers or better anything else. But it's libel on the Chaplains' Corp to state that we are merely tools of the war machine. We look further than this war, and further than this world. We aim to fit to live hereafter.'

"I asked him for a sentence description of his ideal chaplain. He ideal pastor.'

"And how about this business of sinking denominational identity? Was that desirable? 'Not at all. The chaplain. We want our chaplains to see their job as an extension of their particular church's work in the

of that magazine. I'm not interested was deliberately baiting him.) Isn't dismssed as "casualties,' having been tons of iron in one month.

soul-saving, and become only a short of conserver of religious values rather than a promoter thereof?

"'I should say not,' Arnold replied with spirit. 'One of our strongest instructions is that the chaplain must pay special attention to the percentage of men who make no profession of any religion whatsomake men fit to live, fit to die, and ever, and it is held before him that it is his spiritual duty to lead as many of these as possible to public confession of faith in Christ, and to shot back: 'A man who has been an influence them to establish definite church membership.'

"Those points settled, we fell to discussing the difficulty of getting enough chaplains of the caliber debest denominationalist (not merely sired. He declared that, though the sectarian, mind you) makes the best age limit had been extended somewhat, the high standards the corps has set would never be lowered. He recalled the unfortunate experiences had with chaplains in the last war, "And how about evangelism? (I when fully twenty per cent had to be

either court-martialed for unbecoming conduct or dismissed for inability to adjust to military life.

".'We haven't had a chaplain court-martialed in fifteen years,' he said. 'And out of the thousands accepted thus far, only fifteen - only fifteen, mind you - have not measured up and have returned to civilian life.'

"General Arnold paid warm tribute to the cooperation given by churches, mentioning especially the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains and the Methodist Commission on Chaplains. 'Those Methodists we get,' he said, punctuating it with one of those sudden grins, 'are wonderful fellows. Trouble is, we don't get enough!'

"Of course, the 'Chief' admits he has good reason to be pleased with Methodism's products. The man chosen to be his lieutenant - and probable successor—is Deputy Chief of Chaplains George F. Rixey, of the Missouri Conference.

"'Most of the advances and reforms now seen in the Chaplains' Corps," he says with gracious candor, 'Rixey and I have worked out together, fought for together and rejoiced over together. Who ever said a Methodist and a Roman Catholic wouldn't make a good team?' he smiled."

Thumbs Good for Plane Rides

WASHINGTON, D. C .- Any member of the armed services when not on duty may "hop a ride" in an Army plane if he has permission of commanding officers of Army Air Forces stations or higher officers under Army Regulations 95-90, dated July 24, 1942. However, the pilot of the plane must be on a regularly assigned duty.

The regulation reads:

"Military, Naval, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel, while on leaves of absence, furlough, or on detached service, may be permitted by commanding officers of Army Air Forces station or higher authority to ride as passengers on flights in Army aircraft when such flights are incident to a regularly scheduled mission, and provided such transportation does not involve additional expense to the Government."

A single blast furnace has set a world's record by producing 43,000

Utah Soon To Have New Army Hospital Ready for Patients

At Brigham City, Utah, there is a city within itself-a city of mercy and comfort-that sprang up almost like a dream from ground unbroken until last April, according to the Intermountain Tribune. It is the Bushnell army hospital which is now complete and awaiting the arrival of wounded service men.

Since August 21, less than five months after it was begun as one of the largest army hospital construction jobs in the west, all the buildings and equipment of the plant have been completed and are now awaiting arrival of the first wounded men from the Pacific war theater.

With its present buildings occupying a military reservation of 270 acres and offering accomomdations for approximately 1500 patients, army officials, local civic organizations and Utah statesmen in Washington are seeking to expand the hospital to a 3000 bed structure, and much of the land adjoining the reservation, in the southeast part of this city, has been bought by military authorities.

Almost all the buildings within the reservation are connected by inclosed runways, which make it possible for patients and attendants to move to different parts of the institution without exposing themselves to the weather.

The surgical building, which contains six operating rooms, three Xray machines and all the latest surgical equipment, is connected with the barracks, the post office, the post exchange and the Red Cross building, with its library, reading rooms and an indoor amphitheater which will seat 500 persons.

Quarters for the patients are furnished completely to give the wounded and sick the maximum in comfort and convenience.

A lighted runway from the barracks leads to the cafeteria built to accommodate 1000 diners.

Officers' quarters and dining hall, nurses' quarters and dining hall, and guest rooms for nearest of kin of wounded patients also have been provided on the reservation.

station and fire fighting equipment, Harry L. Seifurt, Lieutenant A. J. lions of dollars."



Master Sergeant ROBERT P. ROWELL United States Army, Retired

warehouses, guard posts and a reservoir for culinary water.

With original plans calling for the location here of 82 army medical and surgical officers, seven dental officers, eight medical administration corps executives, two quartermaster corps representatives and two chaplains, many of the staff members already have arrived and established residence here.

Included in the permanent personnel of the plant now on duty are: Colonel R. M. Hardaway, commanding officer of the hospital; Major V. R. Hirschmann, Major H. W. Lawrence, Major H. G. Hollanburg, Major F. C. Maegell, Major E. E. Luder, Major P. Q. Stansell, Major John E. Keyes, Major Rudolph A. Kocher, Major Roger J. Hannah, Major M. W. Poole, Major Ernest E. Myers, Captain Floyd J. Putney, Captain B. F. Souders, Captain Jerome S. Levy, Lieutenant Mons S. Benson, First plant with five large boilers, a sew- ant F. E. Anderson, Lieutenant T. age disposal plant, a gasoline service G. Colarusso, Lieutenant T. E. Hol-

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

October 3 and 4-

AFFAIRS OF MARTHA-Marsha Hunt and Richard Carlson. Also short subjects.

October 6 and 7-

ACROSS THE PACIFIC - Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor. Also short subjects.

October 8 and 9-

MY GAL SAL-Rita Hayworth and Victor Mature. Also short subjects.

Ingrim, and Lieutenant E. M. Harris. Other medical officers and aides will arrive here as soon as patients begin arriving at the hospital, Colonel Hardaway reports.

Military regulations do not allow for announcement of the exact date that patients for the new hospital are expected, army officers said, and The hospital has a central heating Lieutenant J. D. Stephens, Lieuten- the exact cost of the new structure has not been revealed. However, military officials in this area state station, garages, soldiers' recreation lis, Lieutenant S. B. Garden, Lieu- that expenditures at the hospital alhall, paint and repair shops, a fire tenant W. F. Harrell, Lieutenant ready have exceeded "several mil-

Rowell Rambles to Richmond; Rough On His Rooters

To assume the duties of Chief Clerk of the Fiscal Branch at the Richmond Quartermaster Depot, Master Sergeant Robert P. Rowell QMC, retired, left September 30th with his family for Richmond, Vir-

A native of the south, Sgt. Rowell was born in Florence, South Carolina, and completed public school in that city. He enlisted in the Army at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, on August 25, 1913, and was assigned to 36th Company, CAC, with station at Fort Mott, N. J., ad later went with his organization to Fort Mills, on Corregidor Island in Manila Bay. In December, 1915, he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and has been with that branch of the service ever since.

He saw service with the A.E.F. in Siberia from August, 1918 to March, 1920, and came to duty at Letterman Hospital as Chief Clerk to the Quartermaster in November, 1921, and was retired on February 28th of this vear.

A farewell dinner for M/Sgt. and Mrs. Rowell was held at the New Tivoli Restaurant on Friday, September 25, and attended by 40 coworkers and friends.

Sergeant Rowell feels that the only compensation for his leaving is the fact that it is to the best interest of the government and himself that he make the change, and we all wish him the happiness, advancements, and cooperation which he so heartily deserves.

His local rooters hate to see him

GEN. WEED PRESENTS

(Continued from page one) and Navy had asked for 380,000 pints of blood and that the eighteen blood procurement centers throughout the Nation have supplied 461,000 pints.

Also attending the presentation were Major Angelo Rossi, R E. Fisher of the board of directors of the Center, who received "E" pins for volunteer workers from Captain

A lacquer that peels off has been provided for protection of highly polished surfaces during handling or shipping. It can be appled by spraying, brushing or dipping, and dries in a few minutes.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

HELP YOURSELF TO HAPPINESS

The most obvious things are many times the hardest things to see. The Chinese say that it is always darkest under the candle's flame. Perhaps that is the case. We get happiness by giving it. If there is a secret in happiness it is not in doing what one lines to do, but in liking what one has to do. Happiness is not a thing, but a relation—a relation between our condition and what we think our condition ought to be.

Thankfulness is an attitude, another name for happiness. To be thankful means that one thinks he is better off than he

deserves to be.

Thus, the road to happiness lies in changing our thoughts, not our things. The human heart is a great green tree, and when we hang there gifts for others, we hang up also gifts of happiness for ourselves. For those who bring sunshine into the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves.

The laws of love, of service, of giving, cannot be evaded or repealed. And who would do either? It is what we do for others that we think of most pleasantly. It is one of God's ways, that all the happiness that we have brought to others, be returned to ourselves increased a hundred-fold.

A little thought can change your whole outlook on life. Life will be gloomy—if you are selfish—it will be worth living if you make it that way.

HAPPINESS can't be found or bought . . . YOU have to MAKE it.

The weight of paint on a cruiser's hull may amount to 100 tons.



That new counter in the office of the paymaster and softly uttered the common thought: how much like an old fashioned bar—but no brass rail.

Staff Sergeant Rudolph Shellhorn going about with one arm in a sling. It is his left arm but he swings his right, they tell us. And he couldn't help falling down.

Top Sgt. Robert Bergen just a mite uneasy for a few hours over a report said to have been started by his old friend, Sgt. Schmierer. It wasn't true after all.

Our perennial lieutenant being relieved from his onerous duties as post exchange officer and looking relieved, too.

So many double black bands on caps hereabouts that it could be a Chief Nurses' convention in town but they are only under training—and perhaps, observation.

Pvt. Paul Hecht in his new uniform of the Detachment and we wonder if the army chow will fatten him up. An excellent chance to demonstrate the proof of the claims of the Quartermaster Cooks and Bakers.

The official notice about the army going into wool for the winter. Here in this air conditioned San Francisco we never have to bother about changing.

And speaking of the weather—one of the columnists in a local paper announces that we have a Colonel Shivers, Major Ice, and Nettie Freeze on our personnel roster. The young lady's name is Frees but close enough for the purpose.

HOW TRUE!!

To the ticket window of the Western Pacific Railroad rushed a potential passenger.

"Give me a ticket for the Exposition Flyer," said he to the agent.

"My friend," replied the agent, "I cannot sell you a ticket to the 'Flyer' because it has already left."

"Hurry," said the customer "give agent, "but if you run you'll pass it."



On behalf of the entire personnel of the hospital we extend a warm welcome to the newest members to join the staff of nurses stationed at this post.

Miss Eileen Brady was born in San Francisco, attended the Presentation Academy, and the University of California in Berkeley. On obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree she finished at the University School of Nursing in 1937. She held the position of Head Nurse of the Childrens' Surgical Ward at the University of California from 1938 to 1940, and was at the Cowell Students' Infirmary at Berkeley until July 17, 1941, when she joined the Army Nurse Corps and was stationed at Hoff General Hospital in Santa Barbara.

Miss Margaret Clouse was born in Bartley, Nebraska, where she finished high school. She received her professional training at the Lincoln General School of Nursing, and upon graduating in 1932 did private duty nursing in the Lincoln Hospital. Moving west in 1932 she was on the staff of the Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena from 1936 until June of 1941 when she enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps and was stationed at Hoff General Hospital in Santa Barbara.

Miss Catherine Casey was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts and attended the St. Mary's School in Lawrence. She took her nurses training at St. John's Hospital at Lowell, Massachusetts, graduating in 1940. She did general duty at the Lawrence General Hospital and the Hale Hospital in Haverhill until February 9, 1942, when she enlisted in the Nurse Corps and was stationed at Fort Devens in Massachusetts until she was transferred to Torney General Hospital at Palm Springs on August 7th of this year.

Important in the list of aeronautical equipment in these days of aerial combat in the cold regions high above the earth, are the electrically heated underwear suits which many pilots don when going up to 30,000 or 40,000 feet.

me a ticket. I'll run and catch it."
"Well, here's your ticket," said the

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, October 4, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Purple Heart Given To All Casualties

The Purple Heart, oldest American military decoration, is to be awarded to all Army personnel killed or wounded by enemy action, the War Department has announced.

The award will be made posthumously to relatives of military or civilian personnel who meet death while serving in any capacity with the Army.

It will be given to all wounded while serving with the Army in any capacity, provided the wounds require medical treatment.

In the past, the award had been made to those who applied for it, but the award now is automatic.

The Purple Heart was authorized by George Washington from his headquarters at Newburgh, N. Y., August 7, 1782 during the Revolution.

While special and commemorative medals had been issued previously by the infant Government, no decorations had been authorized.

The decoration is believed to be the first in history to be awarded to all ranks of soldiers.

Washington directed that "whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings, over his left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk, with narrow lace binding," and added, "the road to glory in a patriotic army and a free country is thus opened to all."

The decoration was revived by the War Department February 22, 1932. It is in the form of a gold heart with a gold silhouette of Washington in the center. This is mounted on a background of purple enamel. The medal is suspended from a purple ribbon which is edged in white.

Serve in Silence

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. ORAN A. WATTS

Quiet and unassuming is this week's buck, Oran A. Watts. He hails from the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, and was born there May 7. 1910. His education is that of the typical American up to and including high school at Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis. In addition, he enrolled at Butler University in the pre-medical school. Watts was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity while at school.

The depression of the early 30's caught up with Oran in '32, forcing him to leave the university and obtain a position with Parke-Davis & Company, a large manufacturer of pharmaceutical products. Two years later he left that concern in favor of the Peerless Foundry to work in the capacity of a stock clerk. Oran remained with the foundry until the "draft came his way" on March 27, 1942. He was first sent to the induction center at Fort Benjamin Harris. Indiana, and remained there eight days. Next, he was transferred to Camp Grant Illinois, for his basic training. Watts says the only real objection to basic training was the "over-night hikes," which he considered most unpleasant. He finally considered himself a full-fledged soldier, upon his completion of basic training, and assignment to duty at Letterman General Hospital, arriving June 7, 1942. Pvt. Watts was assigned to the Sick & Wounded Office and has remained there ever since.

Watts has, or did have, a most different hobby. It is the exciting and interesting vocation of collecting antiques, specializing in early American furniture and pressed glass.

An electrical manufacturing company has devised an instrument, which, installed in a ship's stacks, warns firemen when clouds of smoke are being sent into the sky for submarines to see.

THE GREMLIN'S A RASCAL, AN AIR-MIDED ELF: MAKES NUISANCE OF SELF

LONDON, Sept. 21 - An anony- +mous Royal Air Force bard has They'll bend and they'll break and written a poem about the Gremlins -those queer little mythical folk who do all sorts of things to harass the American and British fliers.

The airmen swear that the Gremlins climb inside their guns and deflect their shots when an enemy plane is in sight and cause motors to stop running by sticking their fingers in the carburetor jet.

The poem, which appeared in a service magazine, follows:

When you're seven miles up in the heavens.

That's a hell of a lonely spot. And it's fifty degrees below zero, Which isn't exactly hot,

When you're frozen blue like your Spitfire

And you're scared mosquito pink. When you're a thousand miles from nowhere

And there's nothing below but the drink.

It's then you'll see the Gremlins. Green and gamboge and gold, Male and female and neuter Gremlins both young and old. It's no good trying to dodge them, The lessons you learned on the Link Won't help you evade the Gremlin Though you boost and you dive and you jink.

The white one will wiggle your wingtips,

Male ones will muddle your maps, Green ones will guzzle your glycol, Females will flutter your flaps,

Pink ones wil perch on your perspex.

And dance pirouettes on your prop; There's a spherical middle-aged Gremlin

Who'll spin on your stock like a top. They'll freeze up your camera shutters.

They'll bite through your aileron wires.

they'll batter.

They'll insert toasting forks in your

That's as far as the R. A. F. man got with his poem, but it is expected that other poets will add to it.

Meanwhile, several of the R. A. F.'s expert "gremlinologists" have announced that they have uncovered four new species of Gremlins, developed by selective breeding with other types during the past three years. They listed them as follows:

Genus jockey. This one's chief characteristic is that it is able to sit cross-legged between the wings of a wayward seagull or pigeon and guide the bird into the windscreen of approaching R. A. F. planes. The birds, when they hit, often give the pilots serious shocks, and sometimes damage planes.

Genus incisor. The chief characteristic is that it has sharp, strong teeth for gnawing strips of wing surface around anti-aircraft or bullet holes. They also have strong hands with which they weaken the rivets of the planes. Their favorite pastime, however, is to teach their young how to teeth on vital control wires of planes, causing them to snap when the planes go into action.

Genus optic. They have red or green eyes and love to hide in bomb sights, turning on their optic glow just as the bombardier is getting his sights lined on the target.

Genus cavity. It has a shovelshaped nose, and appears before dawn at airports and manages to get a hole dug right in the path of a bomber coming in for a landing. This type works in gangs and often hitches rides on the plane after it hits the hole, grabbing its tail and then rushing to its nose, which puts the plane into a ground loop.

ON THE SPOT



M/Sgt. THOMAS LYNCH, A.A.F.

Master Sergeant Thomas Lynch, recently admitted as a patient to this hospital, has had a wide variety of experiences and seen a good portion of the world since his enlistment April 22, 1916.

Sergeant Lynch worked as a machinist while a civilian, and with the advent of World War I, enlisted in the Infantry at Douglas, Arizona. Because of his knowledge of machinery 1917 found him assigned to the Air Corps at Kelly Field, Texas, as a machinist. From that time until 1940 he saw service at Gershner Field, Louisiana, France Field in the Canal Zone, Wilbur Wright Field, Ohio, and Mitchell Field, New York. And on May 7, 1940, he was assigned to Hickam Field in Hawaii.

When Hickam Field was bombed in December of 1941 "Old Sarge" was in the midst of it all. And that his action was exemplary while under fire can be attested by a citation received for "bravery under fire." The Sergeant said, "I guess I was in so many places at one time during the bombardment I didn't have time to be hit. Anyway, it was one of the most exciting experiences of my life and just a little sad. Too many of my men did get hit."

The Sergeant is a native of Pennsylvania, and was state Featherweight Boxing Champion in 1908. Well known Johnny Kilbane, World Champion at the time, was the only man to stand in the way of Lynch reaching the champ's throne.

Serve in Silence

and the desert battlefields of Africa.

"It's really great to hear our favorite programs from the good old U. S. A." comes from "somewhere in Panama," and similar letters of broadcasts of the popular NBC com- ed audiences throughout the world, praise and thanks are receved from mercial programs, and the gigantic to Greenland, Iceland, Great Britain, everywhere that Uncle Sam is meet-

70 NBC SHORT-WAVE SHOWS EACH WEEK KEEP OVER-SEAS SOLDIERS IN TOUCH

To keep America's fighting men | Performance." These are beamed at programs weekly for the men over- abroad. seas. These programs include spe-

in touch with their country, NBC's hours when the armed forces can short-wave stations WRCA and listen, bringing news, sports, music, WNBI, and Westinghouse station comedy, drama-all the big-time ra-WBOS now present more than 70 dio fare heard at home-to camps

The powerful NBC short-wave cially created sustaining shows, re- transmitters are beamed to uniform-Government program, "Command the Caribbean, North Russia, India, ing and fighting the enemy.



Pfc. Charles Bearse finally transferred to the Air Corps as Aviation Cadet, but attached to the Q. M. Section for duty.

It's Private First Class Al Giovanetti now. Congratulations, Al. . . .

Sgt. Arthur Borselli, newlywed, anxiously awaiting orders to attend Officer's School.

S/Sgt. Felix Trentowski takes charge of Property issues, ably assisted by Pfc. Bernard Dooley and Pvt. Paul Koski.

Pvt. Anton J. Sterr of the Garage finally recovered from the "hot foot" applied to him a week ago. The scar looks like an old 75 mm. injury. . . .

Pfc. Robert S. Dotseth, helmet cocked on one side of his head, lead his group in an Air Raid Drill.

Pfc. Bernard Dooley once more is breathing the air of freedom and liberty. It was short, but sweet, eh, Dooley?

The men of the Quartermaster Section are qualified to act as emergency drivers in the garage. Remember the speed limit fellows, it's better to drive slow and enjoy the scenery than to speed and be courtmartialed.

"Seven days wasn't enough," says Sgt. T. Silas Craig (who'd rather be called Jack), recounting the good times he had on his week's furlough.

> Serve in Silence "Buy More WAR BONDS"

ARMY 'JAWBONE'

(Continued from page one) dition to eliminating the expense incidental to bookkeeping where charges were permitted the new plan will discourage unnecessary buying on the part of the personnel. A canteen coupon never did look like cash to a soldier even though it had purchasing value, and it is believed he cash-if and when he has it.

A FIRST SERGEANT CAN SMILE AND HERE IS THE PROOF



ROBERT F. BERGEN 1st Sergeant, Detachment of Patients Letterman General Hospital

One of the fiction characters slow to die is the grunting, growling, swearing, shouting "top kick" of the army, and it may be that in the good old days the first sergeant of any outfit had to be tougher than any of the men in his company. What was a hard boiled egg in the Spanish American War era truly could be called "ten minute egg" in our day, and if you have ever let the egg stay in boiling water that long, you have an idea of it all.

Any of the old first sergeants who built up that reputation for being tough would never let a camera catch their smiling merely because they never smiled, and perhaps to their way of thinking there was nothing to smile about.

But times have changed and the proof of that is offered in the photo at the top of this column. A First Sergeant who can and does smile and even enjoys smiling. Page Sergeant Flagg!

Robert F. Bergen, who supervises the administration of affairs under the Commanding Officer for the Detachment of Patients, was born in Brooklyn, and still thinks the "Dodgers" are the best team in the National League. He attended both public and parochial schools in that will be more reluctant to part with suburb of the big city and was a the listening. And what a welcome tions closely approaching those of member of the New York Fire De- change.

partment before enlisting in the army in 1926.

There was a glamorous picture on the bill board in the Recruiting Office presenting all the allure of the Paradise of the Pacific, and Bergen signed up for a hitch in Oahu. He served his three years with the 21st Infantry and had enough. Back to Brooklyn, where for the next three years he resisted the siren call of tropical service only to yield again in 1932 for another hitch under the waving palms and lunar rainbows and from his station at Fort Armstrong he could see plenty of both for the next six years.

In 1938 he was transferred to Letterman where he has remained to date and advanced through the several grades until the chevrons of a First Sergeant were pinned on his sleeve early this year.

During his incumbency in the Detachment Office he has handled his job with a high degree of efficiency to the great satisfaction of his commanding officer and to the patients who daily throng to the office with a myriad of requests for withdrawal of funds, passes ,permissions of various kinds, or just plain peeves. He is never too busy to listen.

What a change from the old timer who did all the talking and none of

Congratulations are in order for Paul Otten, appointed Sergeant and Albert Giovannetti, appointed Private First Class.

All the success in the world to the men who left during the week for Officers' Candidate School. They are: Sgt. Noel Anderson and S/Sgt. William L. Fuller to Fort Benning, Georgia; S/Sgt. George C. Edwards, T/Sgt. Rue B. Masterson, Sgts. Albert W. Hansen, Arthur B. Anderson, Edward D. Erickson and Roland V. Caisse and Cpl. Earl P. Morrison to Camp Barkeley, Texas.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

The box of delicious Washington apples in the Detachment Office, property of Cpl. Al Kuzmoski who stubbornly refuses to disclose the name of the Lady Eve who sent them.

Sgt. Buford Folsom planning to be married in the near future and Sgt. Leonard P. Bell just talking marriage.

Both Morevs-Sgt. Ross H. and Pvt. George responding to the Fire Drill in full regalia and neither on that fire group.

Pfc. Frank P. Farsons getting married while back visiting in Des Moines, Iowa.

Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West using a straw hat to shield his face while watching the Arizona-Don game. . . .

M/Sgt. Ernest E. Allen back from furlough and looking fit. . . .

Sgt. George W. Norvelle "chamber of commercing" Virginia apples after listening to "Washington" talk for the last two weeks.

Machine tool output in July exceeded a year ago by 96 per cent. A total of 28,300 new machine tool units were shipped out.

Civilians from plants producing Army equipment are attending current Army maneuvers, to study operation of equipment under condiactual combat.

Dude Martin and His Gang Stage **Enjoyable Show**

Last Monday evening the audience which gathered for the weekly variety show presented at the Recreation Center at 7 o'clock was well rewarded for patiently waiting when the "curtain" went up and the program began.

Dude Martin and His Gang presented a gala show of the best hillbilly music that comes from the West. Each member of his group is very versatile and plays enough instruments to make the combinations they originate very entertaining. Dude Martin and his Gang broadcast each day from station KYA, and have been very generous of their own time to come to Letterman and give "their all" for the patients.

From "talk" backstage, the gang seemed to enjoy the hour and a half nearly as much as the patients who scrambled for autographs after the show. A few even renewed acquaintances of the "good old days" and swapped experiences since those days.

In addition to the hearty applause for the show itself, Letterman patients cheered the announcement of two brothers in the gang that they were enlisting in the Navy this week.

The Stork Was Here

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Gordon R. Giles, a son, James Gordon Giles, born September 24th, weight five pounds, thirteen ounces.

To Colonel and Mrs. Harry C. Barnes, General Staff Corps, a son, Harry Cooper Barnes, III, born September 24, weight eight pounds six ounces.

To 1st Lieut, and Mrs. Lewis H. Keyes, 524th MP, Presidio of San Francisco, a daughter, Carol Ann Keyes, born September 27, weight seven pounds, six ounces.

To First Sergeant and Mrs. Ralph G. Strange, AAF, Hamilton Field, California, a son, David Lee Strange born September 27, weight six pounds, twelve ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. John B. Thornton, Med. Sec. SCU 1927, a daughter, Carol Joanne Thornton, born September 28, weight eight pounds, three ounces.

OUR AMBIDEXTROUS ASSISTANT ADJUTANT IS ALSO AMIABLE



WILLIAM P. KREITZ

Warrant Officer (J.G.) A. U. S. **Assistant Adjutant**

The ability to handle two telephone calls at the same time and carry on separate conversations is something not possessed by ordinary mortals, but it is a "must" for the officer who looks after the multitudinous details passing over the desk of the adjutant of this command. We have the right man in the right place in the person of Warrant Officer (j.g.) William P. Kreitz, who is the Assistant Adjutant, and in keeping with the best of Army traditions, get the bulk of the work in that sector.

Mr. Kreitz was born in Omaha but later moved with his family to Charles City, Iowa, where he attended the local schools and completed his high school course in the Charles City High School. His army career began by enlistment at Fort McDowell on September 28, 1938, for duty with the 6th Engineers at Fort Lewis, Washington. After seven months with the pontoon putters he per cent of the sweetening in a soontransferred to the Detached Enlisted to-be-marketed candy.

Men's List for duty with the Recruiting Service with station in

Mr. Kreitz was promoted to corporal while on this duty and on completion of one year's service he secured his discharge by purchase and signed up with the Enlisted Reserve Corps. He was recalled to active duty in February, 1941, and went to Camp Callan where he was successively promoted through all the grades from corporal to master sergeant before receiving his appointment to warrant officer junior grade. He reported for duty at Letterman on June 19, 1942, and became the assistant adjutant soon after that

In September, 1940, Mr. Kreitz was married to Miss Mildred Peterson, of Spokane, Washington. They have no children.

Sweet potatoes will furnish 30

Sports Slants

The last time Bob Carmody, blocking back of the 1936-38 Notre Dame football teams, saw Mickey Anderson was when the latter, then sophomore star for the University of Southern California team, played a major role in the Rose Bowl defeat of the 1938 Notre Dame team. Now he sees him often—for it's Pvt. Carmody and Cpl. Anderson in the backfield of the Camp Grant, Ill., eleven.

Sgt. Joe Louis left Ft. Riley, Kas. last week for Greenwood Lake, N. Y. to start training for the defense of his heavyweight title. Louis meets Pvt. Billy Conn, stationed at Ft. Wadsworth, Staten Island, N. Y., in New York, Oct. 12. Pvt. Conn is now in training at Rumson, N. J.

The Lowry Field (Colo.) swimming team invaded the A.A.U. regionals held in Denver recently and came away with enough hardware to build a Liberty ship. The soldier fin flippers captured two first places, three seconds, and two thirds. Max Von Isser, former national junior breast stroke champ, was the leading Lowry point-get-ter. He romped home first in the 200 meter breast stroke, placed second in the 300 meter medley, and anchored the soldier relay team, which copped second place!

Fifteen thousand soldiers watched the New York Yankees, world baseball champions, nose out the Ft. Dix (N. J.) team 4-2 in a tight, exciting game played last week on the Ft. Dix diamond. After the game, Lefty Gomez who pitched most of the game for the champs said, "They have a great ball club here. A lot of these fellows will be stars when this war is over.'

Bob Kenaston, former junior heavyweight champion of the world, is now a private at Camp Roberts, Cal. 'Sarge' Bob, as he is known to thousands of sports followers, relinquished a \$5,000 gold - plated, diamond - studded belt, emblematic of the championship, one day prior to his induction in the Army at Portland, Ore.

Pvt. Barney Ewell, Penn State's great dash man and current national collegiate sprint champ, led the 9th Regiment track team to an easy victory over the other post teams represented in the Camp Lee (Va.) track meet held last week. Ewell won the 100 and 220yard dashes and the broad jump. Times for the 'century' and '220' were 10 and 23.2 seconds respectively. That's what is known as 'flying feet'!

Taft Sherden Wright, veteran Chicago White Sox outfielder, is now stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C. Pyt. White was one of the leading hitters of the American League. Now he's going to bat for Uncle Sam!

Sat. Ligier Once Again Takes His Perch on a Limb

With the return of the football season our demon prognosticator. who made such a name for himself last year in forecasting the scores each weekend, will be back again with his guesses as to what will happen in the big games all over the country.

Tech. Sgt. Herbert L. Ligier has been a thousand per cent correct in his predicitions up to Friday noon of each week in the past and we know he can do as well during this season. True, the morning papers on Saturday and Sunday show up with a few discrepancies but one cannot blame Ligier for trying to outguess them; the papers have the score after the game is played. Our expert gives the score before the game is played.

What he says for this week: Minnesota 7, Iowa Sea Hawks 0. Washington 6, U. S. C. 0. Texas U. 21, Northwestern 6. Stanford 7, Santa Clara 6. Oregon State 6, California 0. Iowa 7. Great Lakes 0. Army 13, Lafayette 6. Notre Dame 10. Georgia Tech. 0. Fordham 7, Tennessee 0. Indiana 7, Ohio State 0. Wisconsin 14, Michigan State 7.

Cupid's Darts No Longer Disabling-Nurses May Wed

The Army and Navy journal has disclosed that a new War Department policy, which would permit nurses who marry while on active duty to remain in service, is now under official consideration.

Under the proposed regulations, nurses could be discharged or retained at the discretion of the Surgeon Géneral if they marry while in service. Heretofore, when an army nurse married, she was immediately relieved from duty and returned to civilian status.

It is believed that the army has lost a considerable number of nurses in his manner.

U. S. production of steel in the first half of 1942 amounted to 42.5 million tons or just a fifth below the output for the full year of 1917, biggest steel year in World War I.

Serve in Silence



MAIL SOLDIERS' XMAS GIFTS REFORE NOVEMBER 1.

READ THE RULES-The following rules, issued by the Postoffice Department in cooperation with the Army Postal Service of the War Department, apply to the mailing of Christmas parcels for members of our Armed Forces serving outside the continental limits of the United States.

TIME OF MAILING—Christmas parcels and greeting cards should be mailed during the period beginning October I and ending November 1, 1942, the earlier the better. Each package should be endorsed "Christmas Parcel." Special effort will be made for delivery in time for Christmas.

SIZE AND WEIGHT-Christmas parcels shall not exceed 11 pounds in weight, or 18 inches in length or 42 inches in length and girth combined. However, the public has been urged to cooperate by voluntarily restricting parcels to the size of an ordinary shoe box and the weight to six pounds.

USE CARE IN PREPARATION—Remembering the great distance this mail will be transported and the necessary storage and frequent handling, it is absolutely necessary that articles be packed in substantial boxes or containers and be covered with wrappers of sufficient strength to resist pressure of other mail. Each parcel is subject to censorship and delay may be minimized by securing covering to permit ready inspection of contents.

PROHIBITED MATTER-Intoxicants, inflammable materials, poisons or compositions likely to damage mails are unmailable. No perishable matter should be included in parcels.

HOW TO ADDRESS PARCELS-Addresses must be legible. Parcels addressed to overseas Army personnel should show in addition to the full name and address of the sender, the name rank. Army serial number, branch of service, organization. A.P.O. number of the addressee and the pos-office through which parcels are to be routed. Units located within the continental United States may be addressed direct. using name, rank, organization and location.

POSTAGE MUST BE FULLY PREPAID-The rate on parcels of fourth-class matter (exceeding eight ounces) being the zone rate applicable from the postoffice where inailed to the postoffice in the care of which parcels are addressed.

GREETING MESSAGES PERMISSIBLE-Inscriptions such as 'Merry Christmas', "Don't open until Christmas" and the like may be placed on the covering of the parcel if it does not interfere with the address. Cards may be enclosed and books may bear a simple dedicatory inscription.

INSURANCE AND REGISTRY—Gifts of value should be insured. Articles of small size and considerable value should be sealed and sent as first-class registered mail.

MONEY ORDERS-The Army Postal Service recommends use of postal money orders to transmit gifts of money to members of Armed Forces outside the United States. These are cashed at A.P.O. in local foreign currency at rate of exchange on date of presentation.

FREE GOLF PRIVILEGES FOR SOLDIERS

Merced Golf and Country Club extend the privilege of the course, without charge for green fee, to twelve service men each day. Such service men may be officers, non- Cross, the USO or any other recogcommissioned officers, or privates in nized agency.

The board of directors of the Lake | the active service of the U. S. Army and Navy.

> In order to avail themselves of this privilege it will be necessary for the men to make reservations in advance at the club through the Red

Letterman Kealers Squeezed Out by Juice Company

The Medical Bowlers from LGH took two games out of three last Friday night when they played the Bireleys Juice Company at the Broadway Van Ness Bowl in the 875 house league by scores of 784 to 781, 816 to 801, losing the third by 854 to 943

Sgt. Mottier was high bowler for the Medics with a 538 triple followed by Sgt. Wilcox who rolled them for a 532, while Sgt. Kuntz scored a one pin difference of 531. Corporal Marano rolled a 501, while Sgt. Yohe bowled the worst game of his life with such scores as 118, 105, and 129, totaling 352,

Sunday afternoon, the Army YMCA team journed to Palo Alto and won a three game invitational match with Zwierleins of Stanford. The match was played by the total pin fall and the Army won by only 12 pins. Sergeant Harold Schaefer of the Military Police rolled them for a 618 series, followed by Sgt. Mottier who also rolled a high series with a 603. Sgt. Kuntz was third with a 553 triple. This match was scheduled for a home series. The next game is to be played on the Presidio Alleys a week from Sunday. The scores for the three game series were 906, 944 and 913 for the Army, totaling 2763. For Zwierleins, the scores were 892, 945 and 914, totaling 2751.

The match game formerly scheduled for last Sunday with the Santa Fe Trailways was postponed, and will be rolled off this Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Presidio bowling alley. Those who were disappointed last week will be very welcome this Sun-

BUY MORE WAR BONDS.

Laff of the Week-

An amusing story about an American soldier now stationed in Northern Ireland is making the rounds there. The soldier is said to have written home: "Dear Dad:

Gue\$\$ what I need mo\$t of all? That's right. Send it along. Be\$t wi\$he\$.

Your Son,

The father replied: "Dear Tom:

NOthing ever happens here. Write us aNOther letter aNOn, Jimmie was asking about you Monday, NOw we have to say goodbye.

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Amendment to Dim-Out Rules Is Announced

Additional measures designed to prevent any illumination that might aid the operations of the enemy along the Pacific Coast from Canada to Mexico were announced today by Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

The new Proclamation will become effective October 25, with the exception of the portions covering street lighting, which will become operative November 12, allowing time for civil authorities to comply with the order.

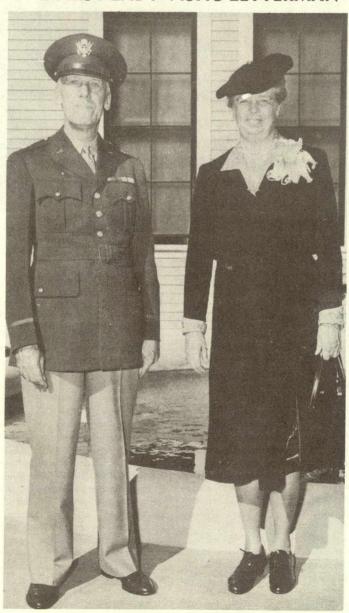
"Results obtained under the present regulations have in the main been excellent," General DeWitt said in announcing the new measures, "But skyglow must be further reduced and certain other restrictions must be imposed in order to obtain the desired results."

Throughout the Zone of Restricted Lighting essentially all light visible from above, including street lighting, must now be shielded. As in the past, all illuminated signs, ornamental lighting and flood lighting are prohibited. In addition restrictions are now placed upon interior lighting which will affect show windows, restaurants and stores which have interior lighting visible out of doors.

Such lighting will not be permitted to contribute more than one foot candle power of illumination upon any outdoor area. In addition the light sources themselves, even within buildings, must be so controlled that they are not visible outdoors above the horizontal.

Restrictions on lights visible from the sea remain essentially as heretofore, and stress is again laid on the fact that no lighting shall be permitted behind windows or glazed (Continued on page seven)

THE FIRST LADY VISITS LETTERMAN



MRS. F. D. ROOSEVELT poses for a picture on the occasion of her visit to Letterman General Hospital last week. Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding General, is standing on the right of the distinguished visitor.

LGH Honored with Visit of the First Lady

On Friday afternoon of last week, Letterman Hospital was honored by a visit from the First Lady of the Land, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Accompanied by Rear Admiral Edgar L. Wood and Miss Mayris Chaney, Mrs. Roosevelt arrived at the Lombard Street gate at 3:30 where she was met by Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding Officer of the hospital, who escorted her and her party on a tour of the hospital.

Word of Mrs. Roosevelt's coming had reached the personnel who gathered at points of vantage for a sight of the famous lady. With General Weed she paused at the fountain in the patio for photographs, and while the cameraman was clicking the shutter, the First Lady graciously waved to the patients and others who watched from the windows and corridors of the building.

Mrs. Roosevelt walked through some of the wards, stopping here and there to chat with individual patients, to ask them concerning their disabilities or their native states. Mrs. Roosevelt made a lasting impression on all who talked to her because of her warm personality and friendliness.

Prior to coming to Letterman Hospital, Mrs. Roosevelt had visited naval and military hospitals in San Diego and Los Angeles and it was said that she planned to continue the tour in the Pacific Northwest before returning to Washington.

Which Is Yours?

Rosecrans Field, Mo.—When the boys stationed here go to town they call the girls in town names of planes: Girls that are obese are called B-24's, the slender ones are P-39's, and the fast ones P-47's.

MRS. F. D. ROOSEVELT'S VISIT A REAL MORALE BUILDER

The coming of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt for a visit to Letterman Hospital had been anticipated from the prior announcements in the press and over the radio that the First Lady had been visiting the sick and wounded in the naval and military hospitals in the South. The radio also brought the news to San Francisco that she had arrived in the City of the Golden Gate by plane on Thursday evening.

On Friday morning the word was passed around somehow that the distinguished visitor would pay her call here at 3:30 in the afternoon.

The garrison immediately showed signs of something unusual about to happen, the wards buzzed with the news, and one of our prominent civilian staff members asked the Public Relations Officer just which way Mrs. Roosevelt would come and where she should take her position for a good view of the proceedings.

The time available for a tour of the hospital was relatively brief due to a crowded calendar, consequently the number of individual patients to whom the First Lady might speak were necessarily limited. The First Lady arrived under escort of General Weed and accompanied by Rear Admiral Edgar L. Woods, USN, and Miss Mayris Chaney. The Commanding General inquired as to just what activity would interest the First Lady, and her immediate reply was that she wished to talk with some of the patients who had been wounded in the service of their

After photographs were taken in the patio, Commanding General Weed escorted Mrs. Roosevelt to Ward K-1 where the few remaining heroes of that memorable day at Hickam Field are still under treatment. The first greeting came to Pfc. Howard E. King, a native of Pittsburgh, who was at Hickam Field on December 7 and wounded in the Japanese attack. Farther down the ward Mrs. Roosevelt paused to talk with Corp. John P. Holloway, a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, who was likewise at Hickam Field. At First Lady if she would permit a picture and she graciously consented. Corp. Holloway now has a photograph of the First Lady to add to the collection he has been making since he arrived here at Letterman



MRS. F. D. ROOSEVELT

Hickam Field on December 7, 1942. General Stopping to chat with Corporal John P. Holloway, Army Air Force, who was wounded at Weed is at the first lady's right.

tured getting individual entertainment from Costello and Abbott, and only about two weeks ago he was the featured guest when the Army and Navy E Pennant was awarded to the Blood Donor Section of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross. John has made enough public appearances to be a veteran of the limelight, but he was somewhat nervous, only to be put immediately at his ease by the friendly approach of the distinguished visitor. Major Muller and Captain Denham, the ward officers, were in attendance on the round Mrs. Roosevelt made of this ward.

She next went over to the surgical side, where on Ward B-1 she this point the photographer asked the stopped to speak to Cpl. Trinidad Montoyo, to Pvt. Otho Singleton, and finally was down to the last room on the ward to see Pvt. Charles Cuppins.

> Pvt. Cuppins had not been feeling too well earlier in the week and his

visit with him. They were present in the room at the time of Mrs. Roosevelt's call.

Later, Pvt. Cuppins, in speaking of the pleasure afforded him by the visit, mentioned that he and his family had been discussing Mrs. Roosevelt's coming and did not dare to hope for a personal call. He remarked to his dad at the time, "Dad, what would you do if Mrs. Roosevelt should come in?" and Dad said, "Well, I'd just greet her friendly like and say 'How-ya, Eleanor'.' Charles went on to say "Well, when Mrs. Roosevelt left we all sort of got our feet back on the ground and my sister, Virginia, said 'Dad, didn't you forget your speech?""

The next place of call was Ward C-1 where Pvt. Clifton Petty, a recent recruit from Georgia, blushed and stammered and finally allowed as how Georgia was a good state, after Mrs. Roosevelt had said some-Hospital. Some time ago he was pic- father and sister had come all the thing to him. He had been feeling lost the common touch.

way from New York state for a little | poorly in the morning but the visit of the First Lady was a tonic to him, and as we go to press Clifton still beams at the recollection of that visit.

> Ward D-1 was the last ward visited by the distinguished lady, and here Sgt. John F. Dorton, who had been injured at one of those tiny South Sea islands, was given some cheery words by Mrs. Roosevelt. She then walked from bed to bed with just a word for each of the patients before leaving the ward to return to the Administration Building where her car awaited.

> Mrs. Roosevelt expressed herself as well pleased with eveything connected with the institution and the treatment and condition of the patients. The patients were unanimous in the declaration that they had been highly honored by a visit from such a beloved person in this country of ours; a woman who has walked with kings and vet has not

Baldwin Becomes a Boss for the Blue Network Company

The recent appointment of Bill Baldwin to the title of Special Events Director for the Blue Network in San Francisco meets with the hearty approval of the patients at Letterman General Hospital because Bill has been a special friend who has always kept them in mind. In his daily rounds he meets up with the folk of the entertainment world and never misses a chance to date them for a special show in our Post Theatre. Bill has brought several good shows out here in the past few months and we have his promise of

We had the idea of writing up Bill, but came upon the story already done by Tom Tyrell in the "Shopping News," and with due apologies and all credit we will let Tom take up from here.

If you happen to see a lean, bespectacled young man riding elephant back down the main street, or smiling calmly at you from the interior of a block of ice, or using bovine persuasion to wheedle a cow into mooing through a microphonewell, think nothing of it. It's just Bill Baldwin.

And Bill Baldwin, in case you don't know already, is the mildly preoccupied young mikeman who has been doing announcing and special events for KGO and who last Monday was officially named head of the station's Special Events Department.

And while the spectacular appearances may astonish you, they are just routine stuff to Bill; for he's wrapped up body and soul in special events-the only phase of radio, he says, that really intrigues him. For the work, he adds, is never boring, seldom repetitious, and it presents new faces and new situations in unending flow.

Bill had plenty of experience in the field before he added his talents to those of the high-caliber staff Manager William Ryan gathered about him when KGO and the Blue Network started out on their own power. And he has been adding to that experience since leaving on a hurry call from Pasadena to join KGO, where things were happening fast enough to satisfy even a fellow as avid for exciting production and hair-raising interviews as Bill him-



BILL BALDWIN Special Events Director Blue Network

hasn't he chalked up more important exclusive interviews to his credit and the station's than most of his competitors? There were the survivors of the U.S.S. Pecos, two sailor lads lucky to be alive. There were the survivors of the tanker Neosho. floating refueling craft for the Coral Sea action; the survivors of the destroyer Hamman, serving as escort for the Yorktown. He was first to present the Bataan nurses, two of whom have already achieved added fame for their books and magazine articles on the harrowing experience.

Don't forget, either, that it was Bill Baldwin who first brought to the mike Lieutenant Anthony Quigley, the intrepid flier who told of his two weeks on Rossel Island among tribes which less than a generation ago were practicing their cannibalistic beliefs. And among these several exclusive interview programs, the network big-wigs thought three were of sufficient importance to broadcast from coast to coast on the "Men of the Sea" series.

His transcribed broadcast from the

left the south. For since his arrival the hands of naval authorities some time before it was finally released. This was a first-of-its-kind program, and it was on this broadcast that Bill was almost mobbed by his own engineering department for lowering a mike by its cord to pick up the sound of the swishing water as the craft sped through the waves. Microphones, you know, are on priority, and they cost something like \$97.84

> Bill will tell you that he went under what may be called a polite form of family ostracism when he entered the show business, which led to radio. But in radio he was restored to the good graces of his family, many of whom are ministers of religion. His wife's name is Enid Elaine, and their romance dates from a meeting in a Nebraska radio station where she was traffic manager.

And about that suff in the third paragraph? It's all true-experience gleaned in Omaha, Salt Lake City, Chicago, on network stations. And he can tell you about his KSFO pro-And Bill Baldwin is not sorry he reconditioned U.S.S. Shaw was in that he started the first army camp the consul's planes were due.

Delivery of Bonds

The following letter, Hq 9th SC, dated September 28, 1942, is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"1. Information has been received from the War Bond Division, War Department, to the effect that response of the military and civilian personnel of the War Department to the entire pay reservation plan has been tremendous, even beyond expectations. Consequently, it has been necessary in some cases to exceed the ninety day period before bonds are issued.

2. A concerted effort is now being made to expedite the issuance of bonds under Class A Pay Reservations, and at the same time adhere to good accounting procedure and methods: which is decidedly in the interests of the subscribers, and for their protection. An accurate individual account for each person who has subscribed to the plan, is maintained.

3. It is suggested, if possible, that your personnel be assured that their interests are fully protected, even though the delivery of bonds is necessarily delayed. Evey payroll deduction is accurately recorded and every precaution taken to insure that when the amount of the deduction equals the purchasing price of the bonds applied for, the bonds will be issued as of the first day of the month in which the final payment is made, and interest on the bonds is accrued from that date. even though the bond may not be released until ninety days later. The monetary protection given each subscriber is fully as adequate as that given Civilian Employees' Retirement Deductions or allotments made by military personnel.

4. It is hoped that this explanation can be conveyed to the subscribers in such a manner as to assure that every effort is being made to issue bonds at an ever-increasing rate, and that in the near future the delays occasioned by the unanticipated response to the program will be eliminated."

The barometer and thermometer were developed during the 17th century, according to the Department of Commerce.

shows from Fort Douglas, or that he was the last to interview Nazi gram at Treasure Island, too, or his Fritz Wiedeman-because he went Boys' Town interviews, or the fact out to mail a letter one 4 a. m. when

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

BUY MORE BONDS

The recent letter of the Secretary of War, in which he asked that at least ninety per cent of the civilian employees of the War Department invest at least ten per cent of their pay in Way Bonds every pay day, should have a ready response from the ununiformed section of the department doing so much to carry on the war.

It may mean a curtailment of certain pleasures, a limiting of activity on social lines, extending the life of the clothing in the family wardrobe, or even a physical tightening of the belt to repel the expansion from over-eating. To the free and pleasure-loving Americans all or any of the above would be called sacrifice. But it is not asking too much.

The men who have been called to the colors have had their entire mode of life revised for them. They have had to leave home and families to undergo the rigors of training to fit themselves for combat and that combat may call for their lives. The supreme sacrifice.

War is expensive. Its costs are high in men and money. The rear echelon is almost as important as the front line, and the rear echelon in total war comprises every civilian in the country. It is the supply line for the front and our civilians cannot let the fighters down

Make it one hundred per cent with your ten per cent.

The daily weather map of the United States was first published by the Government in 1871, according to the Department of Commerce.



The noontime gathering about the goldfish bowl in the patio and from appearances the fish are getting more than a fair share of the lunch.

The first lady driver of an official car, the fore-runner of many others who are to replace the males at the wheel. The driver was Mrs. Barbara Neill, of Oakland, and her uniform of powder blue was easy on the eyes, to say nothing of the lady herself.

Private "Gus the Barber" looking for a pass for Bay Meadows on the opening day.

Our local "Sheriff" giving out the identification tags for the children of the command. We are still at war.

Miss Frances Wilson picking the best spot for a close up view of the First Lady.

Major Joseph McGuinness moving into a big house on the post with plenty of room for a bachelor. * * *

And not enough people buying

THE ARMY AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

The War Department opened an intensified campaign to recruit 18 and 19-year-old volunteers for the Army. They may now volunteer for the Quartermaster Corps, Ordnance Department, Chemical Warfare Service, Medical Department and the Corps of Military Police. in addition to the previous choices. The War Department said approximately 270,-000 checks totaling \$19,500,000 in family allowance payments are being mailed to some 405,000 relatives and dependents of soldiers October 1-10, including 135,363 first payments. November payments are expected to be Miss Marjorie W. Lawson and Miss twice as numerous as in October.

Selective Service Director Hershey said he hoped mobilization for the armed services will reach its peak this year and will go downward with the start of 1943, but no one can make a prediction with any high degree of certainty because of world military developments.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS.



The annual convention of the California State Nurses Association was held at Fresno during the past week and one of the featured speakers was Miss Beth Veley, who told of her experiences in Bataan. Miss Margaret Knierim, Principal Chief Nurse, also attended the convention.

Recent changes among the recently promoted Chief Nurses reduced the roster hereabouts. Miss Ida E. Peschon went to the Station Hospital, Camp Indio, Calif. Miss Minnie M. Black took up duty at hospital at the Chico Flying School. Miss Mabel V. Stevens went to the hospital at Camp Kohler, Calif. Miss Nila P. Ruthermann moved over to Camp Stoneman, while Miss Josie Self went to Camp Dodge, Iowa, and took Miss Mary E. Dreyer along with

Congratulations are in order on the promotions of Miss Manda E. Zuber and Miss Almira A. Lanfear to the rank of Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) in the Army Nurse Corps.

A loiterer from Letterman recently had the pleasure of meeting Miss Lyda M. Keener, Chief Nurse at Walter Reed Hospital, Miss Jeanette Blech, Chief Nurse at the Station Hospital, Fort Dix, and Miss Pruella M. Droddy, Chief Nurse at Tilton General Hospital, in the waiting room of the Penn Station in Philadelphia. All asked to be remembered to their friends in our midst.

Through the kindness of the AW VS some of our nurses were among the audience at the Bob Hope-Bing Crosby show in the Civic Auditorium last week and all had a pleasant evening.

And we almost forgot to add that Gladys M. Crosno also attended the convention in Fresno. All report a pleasant time.

A rubber company has developed a new auxiliary gas tank for bombers whch is carried on the outside of the plane. The pilot may drop it after using its fuel or entering combat, thus removing any impediment an occasional bulletin on his well to his ship's maneuverability.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, October 11, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Chaplain Shuder Leaves for His **New Station**

a. m.

After seventeen months of extended active duty at Letterman General Hospital, Chaplain Harry A. Shuder said adieu to his friends hereabouts and left for his new station in the Pacific northwest.

Chaplain Shuder is a minister of the Congregatonal Church and saw service as a chaplain in World War I, where he had the honor to serve under the then Colonel Henry A. Stimson who is now the Secretary of War. The chaplain kept up his interest in things military in the following years and was a chaplain in the Officers Reserve Corps.

He had several periods of active duty for training purposes and advanced from first lieutenant to major prior to reporting for extended active duty at Letterman on May 27,

Chaplain Shuder is a native of Neosho, Missouri, took his bachelor's degrees in arts at Drury College, Springfield, Mo., and his theology at Harvard. Stanford University awarded him a master's degree in 1935. His last assignment in civil life was at the State Prison at San Quentin where for eleven years he had been the Director of Education.

During his tour of duty at Letterman the chaplain made many friends by his earnest devotion to duty and never missing an opportunity to be of service to the patients and duty personnel. His pleasant disposition made him popular with officers and men and his experience in civil life made him a truly valuable friend.

He takes with him to his new station the best wishes of the command for a happy tour of duty and all of his friends here will be glad to get being.

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. ROBERT E. LEE

Robert E. Lee! The name thrills one! Robert E. Lee, the man, fascinates one with his unlimited achievements and personality. So, "On the Spot" he is.

Robert E. Lee (present tense) was born March 26, 1916, in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Hyde Park High School where his athletic prowess earned him a letter in football and two letters in baseball. While playing for the South Chicago Post in the American Legion Baseball Tournament his team won the national

But there was music in his soul. Vocal successes with Paul Ash's and Lew Diamond's Orchestras encouraged him to further his music studies. For three years he worked for an optical firm so that he might study voice. From 1939 to 1941, under the able direction of the William Morris Theatrical Agency, he successfully toured the East Coast as a concert and radio artist. He was about to affiliate his talents with Twentieth Century Fox, through the courtesy of his good friend, Jimmy Durante, when the Pearl Harbor incident altered his plans. There was only one thing to do, so on May 14, 1942, he enlisted in the army at Chicago, and was assigned to the Medical Department. His basic training completed at Camp Grant, Illinois, our amiable limelighter was attached to a Coast Artillery unit and stationed on the West Coast.

Strictly musical, his hobby is a collection of classical recording. Music of the masters, including thirteen complete operas and Verdi's Requiem Mass are among his \$1500.00 collection.

Pvt. Lee has received much commendation for his pleasing solos at the Post Chapel services, and at almost any time during the day he can be found vocally entertaining his fellow patients on Ward K-1.

Buy U. S. War Bonds and Stamps.

H. V. KALTENBORN REPORTS ON AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN BRITAIN

(NBC's H. V. Kaltenborn, top-friends, who can afford to be more ranking radio commentator, recently frank with one another. What pleases returned to the United States after a flying visit to England. Mr. Kaltenborn made the trip in a U.S. Army Air Force plane, completing a little more conscious of our faults his trip in six days.)

for six days: five of them I spent as never before that we have come in the British Isles. Twice within of age. We are no longer the truant six days I slept my way across the child who must turn to its parent, Atlantic.

Soo nafter arrival I visited a Captain in charge of an American military headquarters. Here is what he told me about our boys in Britain: Morale is excellent, they have whatever they need in the way of supplies, the British provide the food, and "while it is quite okay, it's not what we are used to."

Air mail is a great help. The Captain showed me a letter from Iowa posted only eight days before. Relations between the British and American soldiers are excellent, though there is one point on which the British may be a bit sensitive. Our soldiers are now getting almost six times as much pay as the British soldiers. That naturally gives them certain advantages.

An English girl to whom I talked told me there were three reasons why she likes American soldiers: they dress better, they get more money, and "they talk so cute-just like in the movies."

In a free country like Britain, it is not difficult to sense currents of for us to fight this war in true coopinion, even in wartime. The Brit- operation. ish speak their minds more freely means that we have become better grateful that she is our ally.

me most, as an American, is that the conservative Britisher, who liked us well enough but who was perhaps than of our virtues, now takes us I was away from the United States much more seriously. He realizes always ready to forgive. We stand at Britain's side, full grown, ready to play our part in the hour of destiny that will decide our common fate

> America's proposals and ideas about the war get much more serious consideration in Britain than was the case in the last war. The close personal relationship between Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt has made an enormous difference. There was never anything like that in the last war. This time there have been repeated personal contacts between our chiefs of State. There are frequent telephone conversations between them; personal envoys move back and forth across the Atlantic as quickly as they crossed the Channel during the last war. Churchill and Roosevelt listen to one another's radio speeches, which give them a better sense of the political problems with which each has to deal. The airplane, the radio, and the Trans-atlantic telephone combine to make it possible

Altogether, Britain is still Britain, to Americans than they did in time strong, confident, and absolutely of peace. This is a good sign. It sure of victory. Let us be eternally

OUR KEGLERS KEEP LOSING AT THAT ODD GAME OF TEN PINS

Once again the Letterman bowling | hit the head pin practically every team won one game out of three in time, missing only one spare each the 875 house league at the Broadway Van Ness Alleys when they played the Ebonites of Wisconsin, which is a San Francisco sponsored team. Letterman won the first game next two by 11 and 14 each.

Bing Crosby (no relation to the Hollywood Crosby) was lead off for the Ebonites, bowling opposite Sgt. Kuntz and beating him by two pins.

game, with scores of 163, 174 and 184, totaling 521. Corporal Marano and Sgt. Wilcox broke slightly over 500, Marano rolling 504 and Wilcox 500.

Sgt. Mottier used a new style of by a margin of 49 pins and lost the play and was high bowler for the evening for both teams with games of 189, 179 and 189, totaling 557. Mottier has bet Marano that never again will he beat him in a three game series. These two men have Sgt. Yohe bowled his first 500 series maintaned an even average all sumsince eight weeks ago by trying out mer and are still even in the winter ball and Marano has to take anya new style of play. He managed to league. Mottier has a slight edge thing that "comes to hand."

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. JOHN A. DAVIS

From Mechanicsburg, Ohio, to Los Angeles and Hollywood, California, to dental mechanics, to Letterman General Hospital, are the milestones in the life of Buck of the Week John R. Davis.

Mechanicsburg was Pvt. Davis' birthplace, and he first saw the light of day there on June 26, 1915. He was eight years old when the Davis family moved westward, making the southern California metropolis of Los Angeles their home. It was in Los Angeles that he received his schooling, attending Alhambra High School, where he starred at left tackle on the football team.

It was also in "The City of Angels" he met and married Margaret Jeanne Oetting on June 10, 1938. It is interesting to note that John met his wife as a result of an automobile accident. She witnessed the collision, and as he says, "I had to marry her to win the case."

Shortly after their marriage John and his wife moved to Hollywood where he obtained a position with the La Frienier Dental Studio, While with this studio he learned and later specialized in porcelain work and a new field of Dental Plastics. He states that his work brought him in contact with many of filmdom's celebrities.

David enlisted in the Medical Corps on August 4, 1942, being assigned immediately, because of his background in dental mechanics, to Letterman General Hospital, and is at present on duty at the Dental Annex of the hospital.

His hobby is bowling, and his game, which averages 175, speaks for

Serve in Silence

Buy U. S. War Bonds and Stamps.

because he owns his own bowling

We wish to extend congratulations to Ernest P. Kiernan who was appointed Staff Sergeant during the

To any member of the Detachment interested in playing basketball an invitation is extended to join the ever-increasing number of men who meet at the Y.M.C.A. at 4:30 every afternoon. The more the merrier. ** **

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/5th Gr. Ted A. Kramer sporting a new meershaum pipe and mighty proud of it.

T/5th Gr. Vincent Pasquariello still working on the mustache angle -I guess you are not a man yet, Vincent.

Despite regulations, much, much money talk on the outcome of the World Series.

S/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., Sgt. Ross H. Morey and Miss Bernice Delucchi keeping the eternal triangle very much alive in the Sgt. Major's office.

One well known M/Sgt. having the last laugh over Chaplain McKenna regarding the M/Sgt. Bergin-1st Sgt. Schmierer rumor started last week.

T/Sgt. Horace C. Ferguson leaving his place of duty at the Detachment Supply for the Ward M-1-and as a patient. Let's get out soon, Sergeant! * * *

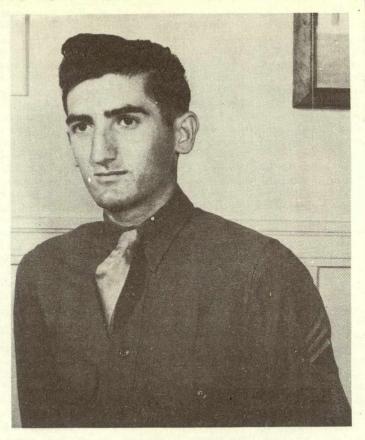
S/Sgt. Rudolph O. Shellhorn being forced to arise an hour earlier to dress himself now that one of his arms is in a sling.

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein winning the table tennis tournament at the Mission Bowl.

OCS Offered Ex-1B's

Washington-Any man now in the Army for "limited service" who has training through his unit commander. Special classes are held at Grinnell College, Florida University and

A SERGEANT WHO CREATES HIS FICTION FROM THE FACTS OF LIFE



ERNEST P. KIERNAN Staff Sergeant, Medical Department Non-commissioned Officer in Charge of Receiving Office

Recently titled NCO in charge of the Receiving and Disposition Office of the hospital, Staff Sergeant Ernest P. Kiernan assumes his new duties well prepared to handle the many problems associated with this office.

Sgt. Kiernan comes from the tall timber country of the Northwest and lived in that part of the country up to the time he enlisted in the Army on October 5, 1939. He was born in Newport, Washington, on December 7, 1920, and moved with his family to Bend, Oregon, at a very early age. It was in the city of Bend that he received his education, graduating from high school in 1939.

The summer after graduation found Sgt. Kiernan attending Citizens' Military Training Camp and he was so impressed with the Army that he decided to enlist at the end of the had his 13 weeks of basic training summer and make the army his camay apply for officer candidate reer. His enlistment took place at Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

Kiernan's immediate and only assignment to duty was Letterman

months basic training period he was assigned to ward duty, where he remained until he received his warrant as Sergeant in December, 1940. Since that time his duty assignment has been in the Receiving Office. He was appointed Staff Sergeant on October 1, 1942.

While attending school in Bend, Oregon, Sgt. Kiernan states that his aptitudes were along literary lines. Consequently, he has pursued a hobby of short story writing for nearly four years. His industry in following his hobby is well attested by the large stack of manuscripts he has completed and the large reference library he owns on short story writing. Sgt. Kiernan feels that the time has not yet arrived when he can "take a hitch" in his belt, arm himself with manuscripts and attack publishing houses.

"Maybe the time will never come -I don't know," he said, "so far it is the history of literature, theory North Dakota Agricultural College. Hospital. After the required three and construction, and the creative on December 16, 1941.

SPECIAL

It was with regret and good wishes that we sent off our 1st Sgt. Hilmer A. Fauske to Officers Candidate School. Along with him went another good man from our ranks, S/Sgt. Allen R. Crampton, Good luck to both of you boys. * * *

However, there is a silver lining to every cloud. S/Sgt. Harvey W. Hablitzel, former company clerk is now our 1st Sgt. and we are bragging that we have the best in the army. But keep those shirt pockets buttoned, boys-or else!

Congratulations are in order to the following men who worked hard and made good. Promotions came through for them the first of October, T/4 Nathan Edelstein to S/Sgt., and T/4 James E. Winkleman to S/Sgt. The T/4's go to J. Hervin, F. L. Rowlands, L. F. Miller, R. M. Taliaferro, and Frank Bonura. Cpl. J. P. Shea is now C. Q. Sgt. Shea. PFC E. E. Bessent gets the Corporal stripes. and Pvts. F. B. Hartzell, F. A. Seaburn, and D. F. Thomas win the T/5's.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to T/5 F. B. Hartzell. Hurry out of there, boy, we want to see you wearing those new chevrons.

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S/Sgt. Nathan Edelstein really rang the bell this time. Promotion and a trip to his home in New York on the same day. Have a good time, Nate, you've earned it. * * *

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

Sgt. Major William Sink and 1st Sgt. Harvey W. Hablitzel comparing their new style tailor made stripes.

Pvt. Robert Padgett on his way to join his beloved air corps. Happy landings, Bob, and good hunting.

The skill that made typewriters must now make small arms. More metal, more man-hours, and more machine-hours go into one typewriter than into one Garand rifle.

pleasure I enjoy in writing."

Sgt. Kiernan married Miss Helen M. Dodgins of Santa Rosa, California

DIM-OUT CHANGES

(Continued from page one) doors visible from the sea unless they are covered by drapes or shades

The regulations require that industrial and protective lighting and light from industrial processes shall be shielded so as not to throw light above the horizontal or be visible from the sea, except in cases where necessary, but not until written approval has been secured from the Ninth Regional Civilian Defense Board. This Board continues as the primary agency to aid in the enforcement, and all civil law enforcement agencies and state and local governmental bodies within the Zone affected are requested to assist the Board in enforcement.

Motorists will find that the new amendments do not change driving conditions with the exception of authorized emergency cars. The amendments recognize the necessity of maintaining maximum police and fire protection at all times. They provide for the operation of such vehicles with normal driving lights when displaying an illuminated red spotlight, in going to a fire, pursuing an actual or suspected violator of the law, or responding to an emergency involving the protection of life or property.

The new regulations do not in any way change that portion prohibiting lights visible from the sea, including but not limited to lights from fires, bonfires, parked cars, flashlights, and

The phrase "visible from the sea" has been broadened to take in that area visible from the waters of the Pacific Ocean or from the waters of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, lying south of a line extended due east from the most southerly point of Vancouver Island and west of a line running due north and south through the easternmost point of the easterly boundary line of the City of Port Townsend, Washington; or visible from any of those bodies of water located on the shoreline of the State of California generally known and described as follows: Santa Monica Bay, Santa Barbara Channel, San Luis Obispo Bay, Estero Bay, and Monterey Bay.

The waters of San Francisco Bay. are not construed to be a part of the

Penalties for violating the proinclude exclusion from the territory 1942.

WARRANT OFFICER JENNINGS IS BACK WHERE HE STARTED- MEDICAL DEPT.



EARL J. JENNINGS Warrant Officer, Jr. Grade, U. S. Army Assistant to Unit Personnel Officer

His genial disposition and willingness to stop and lend a hand where it is needed most has made Warrant Officer Carl Jennings, (J.G.) of the Unit Personnel Office a host of friends among the officers and enlisted personnel alike since his arrival at Letterman Hospital.

Mr. Jennings was born a Missourian-Kansas City, February 14, 1916, to be exact-though he has been on the West Coast since he was 12 years old. He lived in Los Angeles, California, until his initial enlistment in the Army at Fort MacArthur, California, on May 27, 1937.

His first tour of duty, which was in the Medical Department, took him to Sternberg General Hospital, Philippine Islands, where he served as switchboard operator for the en-

of the Western Defense Command and a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each offense as provided for in Public Law No. 503, visions of the amended proclamation 77th Congress, approval March 21,

tire time of his enlistment. His second enlistment, September 26, 1939, was at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, in the Infantry. However, he effected transfer to the Signal Corps in October of the same year and was a clerk in the Signal Office at Vancouver Barracks until his assignment to Letterman Hospital June 22, 1942.

Mr. Jennings was appointed Corporal in February, 1941; Sergeant in August, the same year; Technician Third Grade in March, 1942; and he received his Warrant Officer appointment on May 15, 1942. Mr. Jennings was Chief Clerk of the Signal Office in Vancouver Barracks from August, 1941, until he was assigned to Letterman, and his first duties as a Warrant Officer were to continue as Chief Clerk of the Signal Corps. Mr. Jennings' duties at Letterman have found him in the offices of the Detachment Supply, Detachment Office and at present the Unit Personnel Office.

Mr. Jennings married Miss Beulah Thompson, daughter of Mr. and ent."



To Pfc. and Mrs. John B. Thornton, Med. Sec., SCU 1927, a daughter, Carol Joanne Thornton, born September 28, weight eight pounds, two and one-half ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. D. F. Nisbet, Ord. Dept., a daughter, Judith Ann Nisbet, born September 30, weight seven pounds four and one-half ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Edward F. Orenchwo, 301st Ord. Dept., a son, Pary T. Orenchwo, born October 1, weight nine pounds, eight and onehalf ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John R. Ficklin, QMC, Oakland, a daughter, Jill Alexandra Ficklin, born October 3, weight seven pounds, fourteen ounces.

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. Adolphus L. Dulin, 216th CA, Ft. Scott, a son, Adolphus L. Dulin, r., born October 5, weight eight pounds, three ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert A. Smith, Hq. 4th Army, Presidio, a son, Bobbie Smith, born October 6, weight eight pounds, ten and onehalf ounces

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

October 10 and 11:

BUSSES ROAD—Richard Travis and Julie Bishop. Also short subjects.

October 13 and 14:

TRUE TO THE ARMY—Judy Canova and Allen Jones. Also Short subjects.

October 15 and 16:

TAKE A LETTER, DARLING-Rosaline Russell and Fred Mac-Murray. Also short subjects.

Mrs. H. L. Thompson, of Woodburn, Oregon. They have one son, born July 17 of this year, and, as Warrant Officer Jennings states, "he is very much the most important subject in the Jennings home at pres-

Sports Slants From Other Camps

Ed Wagner, one of the most versatile athletes of the past decade, is now in Officers' Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga. Wagner placed third in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes in both the 1932 and '36 Olympics, copped two medals in the Winter Olympics of 1936—placing in the 1500-meter and 2-mile skating events; and was picked for the 1932 and '33 All-American football elevens while playing for the Washington Huskies. Now Ed's only desire is another chance to get at some of those Nazis he met back in the Olympics.

Cpl. Buck Shano, of Ft. Custer, Mich., recently spent his furlough capturing the Michigan State Tennis Tournament. Buck, who was No. 1 man for the Kalamazoo College net squad before entering the Army, won the title for the fourth straight year! Kinda monotonous isn't it, Buck?

Cpl. Ernest Beonelli, former football and baseball player for the University of Pittsburgh, is now roaming the outfield for the Drew Fld. (Fla.) Interceptors and doing a mighty fine job.

McClellan Field, Cal., will have a baseball team in the national division of the Sacramento winter league, when opening games are played on Oct. 4th. The games in the winter league will be played until late in January.

Aviation Cadet Johnnie Stevenson, former University of Texas swimmer, led Squadron team to a splashing victory in an Ellington Field, Tex., swimming meet. Stevenson scored wins in the 65-yard free style, 65-yard backstroke, and was anchor man on the winning medley and free style relay teams. Wotta man!

There should be no confusion of players when the Baer Field, Ind., touch football league gets going. The base physical director's office has bought 25 red and 25 green jerseys for the gridders, plus two dozen footballs.

The Dodgers, representing the 29th Squadron, won the Morris Field, N. C., baseball league championship. They roared through the season with a total of 21 wins against only one loss.

The Bolling Field (D. C.) cagers are rapidly getting in shape to face the basketball teams listed on the impressive schedule that has been arranged for them. Slated to battle on the courts against the Bolling five are teams from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Richmond College, University of Virginia, Roanoke College and many other teams.



OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Mrs. Roosevelt leaving the hospital after a Weed, Mrs. Roosevelt, Rear Admiral Edgar L. visit to the patients. Left to right: General Woods, U. S. Navy, and Miss Mayris Cheney.

WHAT IF THE LIMB DID BREAK—SGT. LIGIER IS OUT THERE AGAIN

Our football forecaster, who calls himself a "punk picker," is back again with his predictions for the coming week. Even before Capt. Arthur L. Burks laid a marked copy of last week's FOGHORN on his desk baring his low average on winners, Sgt. Ligier had gone into a huddle and admitted he was not yet in form. Now a week later he feels more like the man who made that reputation during the football season of last year.

We think he is a good picker and here are his picks:

7 California Santa Clara Washington 6 Oregon Tulane 14 Rice Iowa Seahawks 14 Michigan Indiana 14 Nebraska Wisconsin 7 Missouri Army 7 Cornell Oregon State 14 U. C. L. A. 19 Princeton Ohio State 14|Southern Cal. Minnesota

Texas U. 26|Oklahoma SPECIAL

Notre Dame 14|Stanford

Legal Advice Offered Soldiers Under Law

Washington—Legal advice for servicemen is available through Federal law if needed in relation to action arising from debts or contracts made either as a civilian or after induction.

Unit commanders should be able to give complete information about the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act which became law October 17, 1940. It will remain effective until May 15, 1945, or until six months after the duration.

A powder company (90 per cent of whose research is devoted to war) has taken on a group of woman chemists—and added a night shift at 0 its central experimental laboratories.

Furloughs 'Drafted'

Northern Ireand — An armored unit re-enacted the draft lottery to decide which men should be the first to have furloughs. The names of S/Sgt. Hagan of Whiteville, Ky., and Pvt. Dumin of New Britain, Conn., were drawn.

"Buy More WAR BONDS"



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Physical Exam Proves To Be a Test Of Endurance

Something new in G. I. lines-inwhich-to-stand was added at Letterman during the past week when orders were posted to the effect that all personnel, officer and enlisted, would be examined physically for reclassification for limited or full field duty.

Without exception all men, from lowly yard bird to top three graders, "stood a hitch" in the long queue which stretched horizonward while awaiting entrance to the offices of the men in white. And almost without exception the men leaving these offices whether previously classified 1-A or otherwise were a pretty healthy bunch of men.

Some of the men who underwent the extensive examination were not quite so enthusiastic about their physical condition after waiting in line three hours before leaving.

One buck private was grumbling to his companion as they hurried to make the chow line, "I had first degree flat feet when I went into that building and I stood on 'em so long they're third degree flat now."

"I don't know what you're griping about," his companion remarked, "I had bee-o-o-o-tiful arches when I went in and they collapsed completely. In fact, they turn up at the ends now and I can rock on 'em."

The inspection hours were staggered during the week from Monday over Friday to handle the largest number of men with the least amount of confusion and disruption to the hospital routine, and was handled smoothly. By Friday it is estimated that examinations for seventy per cent of the enlisted personnel will have been completed. The remainder will be examined the first of next week.

Examinations for officers will take place at a later date.



Lieut. Col. HAROLD I. AMORY, M. C.
Former Chief of our Radiological Service, who is now on
duty "elsewhere"—if you know what me mean.

Sergeant in Ireland Gets Bottle from Home

Somewhere in Ireland—Sgt. Joseph Watson of Belzoni, Miss., thinks it's a small world after all. Writing home to his wife, he reported the Army canteen recently served the first American cigarets and soft drinks he'd had in three months.

"When I finished drinking, I turned up the bottle, and there was Belzoni, Miss., stamped on the bottom," he wrote.

"Buy More WAR BONDS"

Soldier, Born in Mess Hall, Says He's Partial to 'Em

COCHRAN FIELD, Ga.—T/Sgt.

Eugene W. Wiggins of this field had the unique distinction of being born in an Army mess hall at Ft. Benning, Georgia. The mess hall had been rebuilt and was being used as living quarters for non-commissioned officers and their wives at the time of Sgt. Wiggins' arrival. He says he has been partial to mess halls ever since.

INFORMATION CONCERNING BUYING BONDS

The following letter, Hq. 9th SC, dated October 3, is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:

- "1. Attention is invited to letter, War Department, August 25, 1942, "Civilian Participation in the War Department Pay Reservation Plan for the Purchase of War Bonds," file AG 168 War Savings Bonds (8-20-42) MS-M.
- 2. The Secretary of War has expressed the desire that all civilian employees in or under the War Department purchase War Savings Bonds at regular intervals, and that as many as possible avail, themselves of the facilities of the Army Pay Reservation Plan. The Secretary has further expressed that AT LEAST 10 per cent of the pay of each employee be invested each pay day in War Savings Bonds.
- 3. A civilian campaign for the purchase of War Savings Bonds will be inaugurated in this Service Command on October 15, 1942, and will continue until all military installations within this command have attained the desired objectives; that is, 90 per cent of the civilian employees investing at least 10 per cent of their pay day in War Savings Bonds."

Russian Woman Pilot Flies Over Nazi Positions

Moscow—Tanya Osokina, woman pilot of the Russian Air Force, has had more than 80 flights over German positions, the Army newspaper Red Star reported recently. It was the first time the newspaper dispatches have mentioned a woman pilot by name.

COLONEL BEERY BACK AGAIN TO FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS

Back at the same desk and in the same room where fifteen years ago he reigned as Registrar has come Colonel Harry R. Beery for another tour of duty at Letterman, but with a far more important sounding title.

Colonel Beery is no stranger to the present generation at Letterman General Hospital because until the Ninth Corps Area moved to Salt Lake in January of 1942 he was a close neighbor and frequent visitor.

Colonel Beery was born at Royalton, Ohio, attended high school at Canal Winchester, made his college course at Ohio State University and graduated to be a doctor of medicine from Rush Medical College in Chicago in 1906. He was appointed to the Army Medical Corps in August, 1909, and assigned to the Army Medical School in Washington, D. C. At the completion of that course in June, 1910, he was assigned to Fort Benjamin Harrison, the home of the 10th Infantry, a regiment which had a wonderful reputation for efficiency and high caliber of its officers. Time was to prove that six officers of that group were to become major generals before reaching the age of retirement. Colonel Beery served with the regiment on the Mexican border in 1911 and then moved to the Philippines where he was on duty at Camp Keithley for two years followed by a year at Camp McGrath, Batangas.

He returned to the United States in 1914 and for the next three years was on duty at Columbus Barracks.

In December, 1917, he went overseas in command of Base. Hospital No. 32 which was organized in Insome six months overseas ill health tending Surgeon at Chicago. forced him to return to the United States, and on recuperation he became assistant to the camp surgeon at Camp Devens, Massachusetts.

It is characteristic of Colonel Beery's career that August is his moving month, and down through the roster of the stations where he has served it seems to have been invariably that he joined station in the month of August. So, in instances of this biography where we mention only the year, the readers may supply August and be right nine times out of ten. This paragraph is put in for sticklers and people who are precise and want dates and such.

Colonel Beery's next move was to Camp Dix where he served as Camp lands where he served as Executive tor," and "The Officer in Charge of Juan County.



Colonel HARRY R. BEERY, M. C. Hospital Inspector

Surgeon under the command of Ma-Officer for the commanding officer Administrative, Operations and Trainjor General Hugh L. Scott, ex-Chief of the hospital at Schofield Barracks of Staff, one of the Army's best for the next three years, then two known officers. In the following years at Fort Warren, and next, for August, running true to form, he the third time, to Fort Hayes, Ohio, took command of the camp hospital where he served as the Post Surat Camp Grant. And in the August geon until 1940. dianapolis. After a short period of following that he became the At-

> tics at Ohio State University, and he developed a love for that school which makes him one of its very rabid rooters all during the football seasons of any year.

Back with the troops in 1925 for two years the Colonel served at Fort Headquarters moved to Salt Lake Douglas, Utah, and in 1927 reported and became known as the 9th Serto Letterman General Hospital for vice Command which was his stawhat was to be a four year tour of tion immediately prior to reporting duty. During that time he served as to duty at Letterman on October 8. Detachment Commander, on the Medical Service, and finally as Reg- reference to the title of his present istrar and Commanding Officer of office and now that leisure lies ahead the Detachment of Patients. In 1931 for our readers we may give it to he was ordered to the Hawaiian Is- you in full as "The Hospital Inspec- 363 times greater than that of San

Again we have that month of August-this time in the year 1940 when His next assignment was as pro- he was assigned to the Presidio of fessor of Military Science and Tac- Monterey for duty as Post Surgeon, and in November of that same year he was assigned as Corps Area Surgeon for the 9th Corps Area with headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco, on which duty he remained even after the Corps Area

In our opening paragraph we made

ing, and Supply Divisions." When not engaged in the multifarious duties of his offices the colonel occupies quarters on the post.

Twins' Brains as' Well as Appearance Are Found Alike

FT. CUSTER, MICH.-A pair of identical twins recently proved to Army classifiers here that they were identical in more than the matter of appearance.

The twins, Benjamin C. and William Fernstrum of Menominee, Mich., made similar scores on their intelligence quiz at the Ft. Custer Reception Center. Officers said that their mechanical aptitude test scores varied by only a few points.

San Juan County, one of the largest in Utah, is one and a half times as large as the state of Connecticut, but the population of Connecticut is

VOLUNTEER GRAY LADIES SPEND BUSY DAYS AT LETTERMAN

An understanding of the other fellow's viewpoint with perhaps some opportunity to help in the adjustment of a problem that might be troubling him; a willingness to be of service whether the request is so minor that it can be met than and there; a heart-warming smile that goes along with quite efficiency—all this forms the nucleus of the Gray Lady Volunteer Service at Letterman Hospital.

And just what is Gray Lady Service? How does it function, what does it accomplish, and what is the training for it?

Well, in the wards, it's the answer to: "Please will you send a telegram to my folks that I've arrived?" "I've just had an operation-will you write my mother?" "I haven't been paid for three months-can you see what's wrong?" "My girl is getting here tomorrow, do you know of any place she can stay?" "Will you send me a chaplain?" "Thank you-I sure need whatever you can give me out of your basket-I haven't a cent." "Could you find out where my outfit has gone?" Requests of this nature, and others of all kinds and types, that fairly reach down the corridors

And in the Recreation Room and Solarium it tries to be the answer to the lonely chap just able to hobble out of his ward who might be wistfully eyeing a group of laughing fellows or the pieces of a puzzle lying around on a table. A hearty "Wouldn't you like to see if you can beat me at cards?" from a Gray Lady sometimes is just the lift that a man needs. If he hasn't much energy or is more or less immobilized in a wheel chair, he might prefer to talk a bit and pass along his comments on the way things are going. It is in the Recreation halls, too, that a Gray Lady often gets requests about belated pay checks or affairs that have gone wrong.

In reference to the previously mentioned baskets—in the Solarium there are marketing baskets piled high with toilet and comfort articles such as toothpaste and brushes, combs, smokes, razors and blades, shaving cream, stationery, playing cards, etc. The Gray Lady on ward duty (there are fifteen Gray Ladies assigned here) takes a basket with her to each bed in each of her regular three or four wards. If a man's pay check has not caught up



A VOLUNTEER GRAY LADY with one of those baskets coming so near to being bottomless. Everything for the patients and everything free.



VOLUNTEER GRAY LADY stops on her round of the ward to admire some wood burning done by a patient.



GRAY LADY being capped as part of the graduation ceremonies.

with him, through no fault of his own, he is mighty happy to be able to fill in the gaps with these emergency supplies. It is interesting to note that the amount of supplies given out are jotted down on a card along with the receiver's name so that the Red Cross can know what supplies are needed and asked for and where they go. And very often a fellow will add, after this thanks for articles he's received, "By the way, can you help me a bit? I'd like to know"-or "Can you find out-" Whatever it is, the request is promptly attended to.

As for Gray Lady training itself: Primarily it consists of a group of women who do not think of glamour, but who do most earnestly want to help our service men in every possible sensible way. The Gray Lady must take a lecture course of so many hours at Letterman, given by both Army and Red Cross officials, and she must put in a certain number of hours in supervised probationary work. She has to be the type of person who is elastic and able to carry out instructions, whose personality is pleasing and buoyant and yet definitely not of the Pollyanna variety, and who doesn't mind being anything from a plain unadorned messenger to a sympathetic listener to all kinds of troubles. Mrs. F. D. Bartlett, Chairman of Letterman Gray Ladies, is outstanding in her capable guidance and administration of the group.

It is a matter of interest that the Gray Ladies have certain "don'ts" in their program as well as their "do's." For instance, they themselves do not adjust problems that are presented by patients. They take them right up to the Field Director's office where specially trained social case workers carry on, Gray Ladies do not run errands on the outside for patients or cash checks for them. If they did, they might return to Letterman to find the patients suddenly transferred to other bases. They do not bring in candy or cookies to the patients because they know each man's diet is individually worked out by the ward dieticians. And they do not ask questions as to where a man has been or what has happened to him.

Gray Ladies have been at Letterman for about seven years, through peace times when their duties have

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EDITORIAL

THE GRAY LADIES

On another page of the Fog Horn this week there appears a brief story of the activities of the Volunteer Gray Ladies as written by one of their number. The story is modestly told and implies rather than relates just how much is done each day by this loyal group.

The Army, in its program for the care of the sick, leaves nothing undone in the way of professional treatment for the ills of the body in circumstances that will afford the maximum degree of comfort. Adequate provision is made for preparation and serving of diets in keeping with the highest standards to be found in any hospital of the land. The Army also makes provisions for the moral and religious welfare of the patients through the ministry of regularly commissioned personnel. But above and beyond all that is covered by regulations there is that little personal appeal which does not spring from a sense of duty.

The Volunteer Gray Ladies supply that need and do it from a spontaneous desire to lend their aid to less fortunate humans. They volunteer their services and frequently at their own expense cover the field to the great satisfaction of the recipients of their bounty.

They present a sympathetic audience to the man who wishes to share a confidence. They display a tact in their unofficial relations with the medical supervisors which, in turn, wins warm approval of their activities. Their achievements are for the most part unrecorded



Nothing like the warm sunny days during the past week and into warmth of the afternoon sun rode Leslie Tedder, of B-1, Otho Singleton of the same place, Pat O'Rourke, the N. Y. Irishman, from everywhere.

Captain "JIM" Lothrop doing very nicely following his recent operation and all of his old friends glad to know it.

The usual group talking about promotion and even seeming to smile now that some of the members have a chance.

Our old friend, Ernest Haack, long time patient, but now just a caller at the Receiving Ward where a kindly disposed surgeon patched a hole in his head. Ernest had been skating—and you know the rest.

"Jim" Devlin, of K-1, jumping into a wheel chair to join the session in the far corner of the ward.

Sgt. Ligier deciding to rest on his laurels after picking a winner last week.

Capt. Taylor in fleeting conversation with one of the more attractive career ladies hereabouts.

An officer offering to donate silverfish to any pond.

NOTICE

If the patient who made a long distance telephone call to Mrs. Cora Sandmeyer of Bremerton, Washington, on Wednesday, September 16, is still in the hospital, please contact Chaplain McKenna immediately.

Canada is estimated to have produced 26,026,400 pounds of honey last year, ten per cent more than in 1940.

except in the memories of the patients.

The Volunteer Gray Ladies are an asset to this institution and we are grateful for their presence.



Miss Mary Katherine Cuppy, assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse, attended a dinner meeting of the district nurses at Santa Rosa on Tuesday evening of this week. Miss Cuppy addressed the meeting on the advantages of military service for nurses and invited members of the audience to join.

Miss Helen Strammer has been transferred to the Station Dispensary at Fort Mason and Miss Victoria C. Gerber has gone off on a sick leave following the recent loss of her appendix. Miss Margaret A. McWeeny is a patient on Ward "P" as we gallop to press but hope she will be out when we emerge.

Congratulations are in order for Miss Jaynie E. Belcher on her promotion to Chief Nurse, with rank of First Lieutenant, Army Nurse Corps. Too bad many of the patients on Ward D-1 are bedfast. They believe the promotion rates a celebration—as do we all.

Word comes via the grape vine that Miss Helen M. Girordon, Chief Nurse formerly of this command, has taken herself a boat ride. You know, one of those trips "over there" or "somewhere."

Our column did not appear in one issue and right away Miss Vera Logan writes from Camp Wheeler, Georgia, to ask if the conductor had been transferred. No, the conductor of this column is still ringing the bell every week with all the news she has. Send yours in.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

October 17 and 18:

RIO RITA—Bud Abbott and Lou Costello. Also short subjects.

October 20 and 21:

THIS GUN FOR HIRE—Veronica Lake and Allen Ladd. Also short subjects.

October 22 and 23:

TEN GENTLEMEN FROM WEST POINT—George Montgomery and Maureen O'Hara. Also short subjects.

Serve in Silence

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, October 18, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00
a.m.

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

The Oldest Army Chaplain Passes

Chaplain William F. Hubbard, U. S. A., Ret., who for some time has held the distinction of being the oldest living Army Chaplain, died at Van Nuys, Calif., on August 2, 1942. Had he lived, he would have been 97 years of age on December 17, 1942. Born in 1833, Chaplain Hubbard enlisted on September 9, 1862, as a private in Company D of the 149th New York Volunteer Infantry, although he was not 18 years old. He was slightly wounded in the Battle of Chancellorsville, Va., and early on the morning of July 3, 1863, he was severely wounded in the right arm and right hip. He was discharged June 8, 1864, with the hip wound still unhealed, and later the bullet was removed in a private hospital in Albany, N. Y.

He studied law, was admitted to the bar, and later upon deciding to enter the ministry, he enrolled at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1872, the degree of Master of Arts in 1875, was made a deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and in 1877 was ordained a priest. After some years at a church school, St. John's (now the Manlius School), Manlius, N. Y., he took up parish work, and was appointed post chaplain in the Army in 1887 by President Grover Cleveland.

Chaplain Hubbard's first post was Fort Buford, Dakota Territory. From 1892 to 1896, he was stationed at Fort Walla Walla, Washington. His retirement followed a period of extended sick leave, and since 1899 his home has been in Los Angeles or in the immediate vicinity.

Experimenters with a new process have produced automobile fuel of high octane rating from black-strap molasses.



ROBERT F. SIMS Pyt., Medical Dept.

Private Robert F. Sims "Big Red" or "Pinky" as he is called by his many friends, hails from the small town of Moundville, Alabama, where he was born November 1, 1915. The fact that he spent the first twentyone years of his life in the good old south is explanation enough for that pleasing, slow drawl.

He attended the Hale County High School in Moundville and was prominent in football. He made the first string varsity squad in his sophomore year and was first string stuff for the "duration." Upon graduation from high school he decided to become an embalmer and left Moundville to attend the Dallas School of Embalming at Dallas, Texas, With his studies completed he took the state examination and passed it to receive his Texas Embalming and Funeral Directors License. And he really fulfilled his ambitions when he obtained a position with the Blackburn, Shaw Funeral Home in Amarillo, Texas. "Pinky" remained with this company almost five years.

Sims was drafted on October 8, 1941 and sent to Fort Bliss, Texas. From the Fort Bliss induction center he was transferred to Camp Callan. California for his Basic Training. Basic Training completed it was Fort Barry next and he remained there until April, 1942 when he was again transferred, this time to the Medical Corps at Fort Scott, California, Another three months found Pvt. Sims transferred to Letterman, and assigned to the Medical Laboratory working at his true love-embalming. As Sims puts it, "he doctors people after they are dead."

"Pinky" isn't the only Sims in the service. He has a brother attached to the Army Air Corps in England. And he is anxious to enlarge an already sizeable collection of pictures with pictures taken by his brother. Needless to say photography is his hobby.

BUCK OF THE WEEK AMERICAN SOLDIERS AT FRONT LEARN ANTI 'BOOBY TRAP' TACTICS

field of combat are trained to detect and deal effectively with enemy 'booby' traps, it has been announced by the War Depart-

ment.

A 'booby' trap is the name given explosive contrivances with treacherous mechanisms for detonation used by the enemey to wound or kill careless or thoughtless opponents. Although not new. they could cause many casualties unless troops are trained to guard against them. Every war produces such traps. To teach our soldiers to recognize these hidden dangers

and to handle them, a training program has been under way for some time, it has been revealed by Lieut. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, chief of the Army Ground Forces.

The elementary trap usually consists of a small charge of explosive, either in slabs or in a cartridge, with an igniter worked by either the push or pull method. discharge may be caused by stepping on a push type hidden explosive, or tripping over a cord or wire attached to the pull type trap. These methods generally apply to the outdoor trap.

Souvenirs Serve as Bait to doors, windows, furniture, and souvenirs, such as helmets, rifles, been abandoned.

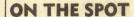
most unusual and unsuspected tect barbed wire, anti-tank mine places—a machine gun apparent

American soldiers entering the ly carelessly hidden in a tree but ready to set off a high explosive when touched by a soldier—a door slightly ajar, which sets off an explosion when moved. They are sometimes hidden around window sills, so that any movement to enter a building in that manner would prove disastrous. When traps are set, they usually are fixed with heavy explosive charges, and the carelessness of one soldier may mean death or serious injury to others with him.

Barns or large buildings are especially dangerous, because the enemy anticipates the quartering of troops in those structures. Sometimes an apparently abandoned vehicle appeals to the enemy for the purpose of hiding a trap in the motor, inside the cab, or attaching it to the door or brake handle.

Beds Spring Traps
The ways in which a trap may
be hidden are many—inside a drawer, attached to the springs of an inviting-looking bed, in cup-boards, or connected with kitchen utensils.

Similar to "booby" traps and operated in the same manner are anti-personnel mines. These oper-The trap also may be connected ate with shrapnel effect from a casing containing hundreds of bullets or other missiles which are or parts of uniforms, or applied to blown through the air by the exweapons or vehicles which have plosion of the mine. They often are used in woods where they can forces. He enlisted August 14, 1938 They may be connected in the be camouflaged easily, or to pro-





WARREN L. BRUCE Private, Coast Artillery

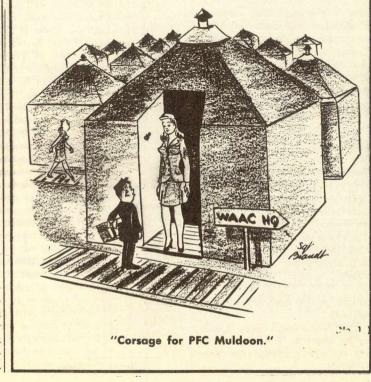
As candidate for "On the Spot" this week, Private Warren L. Bruce, patient on Ward "G" fills the bill.

Originally from the "Windy City," Chicago, Illinois, the Bruce family, on the death of Warren's father moved to Los Angeles, California, It was in Los Angeles that he attended Polytechnic High School, majoring in Drafting and Electricity. His athletic prowess earned him a varsity letter in Tumbling, of which he is quite proud.

Only twenty-two years of age Warren already has had four years of service in "Uncle Sam's" fighting at Fort MacArthur, California. Shortly after enlistment he was sent to Fort Scott, San Francisco, for his Basic Training. "Next," Warren sta-ted with much pride, "I was transferred to a sixteen inch gun unit." Remaining with this outfit for about a vear he was assigned to duty aboard a converted luxury liner as a gunner. He has crossed the Pacific Ocean many times while on transport duty and has visited the cities of Melbourne, Brisbane and Darwin, Australia, and also Wellington, New

He recalls the first time he crossed the 180 degree Meridian Line, and as is the custom, the new seaman is given a rough and tumble initiation, with King Neptune officiating. His head was shaved and he was thrown in the ship's pool.

Warren, as so many other American soldiers who have visited "down under," has found the young lady he hopes to make Mrs. Warren L. Bruce. She is Miss Valerie Marshall and lives in Wellington, New Zealand.-"And don't ask me when," grinned Bruce, "when this fracas is all over I shall be able to give you an answer."



Serve in Silence

SPECIAL SERVICE

The new offices in T-47 are rapidly nearing completion, and when finished will add dignity and appearance to School Headquarters, to say nothing of keeping out the "clatter" of typewriters and "chatter" of the typists.

Our compliments to S/Sgt. Herman Knoller on the consistently spotless and orderly appearance of the School Supply building. Good work, Herman, keep it up for we're proud of it.

Two more of our school boys will get their chance to "Slap the Japs." Sgt. Verner A. Wertsch and Cpl. Thomas B. Winborne have been attached to the Air Corps and are now impatiently awaiting orders to report for training.

Cpl. George N. Choate, recently detailed as School Mail Orderly, is doing a fine job. And in addition being helpful to the students by doing their post office errands while they are attending classes. Where else in the army can one find this service?

Cpl. Dudley P. Cook, formerly assistant Charge of Quarters, has taken up his duties as Enlisted Instructor in the Medical School. Good luck, Dudley.

Sgts. Benjamin T. Shedoudy and Jason Hervin have been given the task of showing the new men the army way of living. The rest of the school barracks had better keep their eyes open for there is good reason to believe the new boys are out to win the weekly competitive inspection.

To our new students-when in doubt or in trouble, do not hesitate to see your Non-Com. You will find friendly and good advice yours for the asking, for they are here to help you as well as train you to find your place in the finest army in the world.

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

Sudden epidemic of corns, blisters and sore toe-nails just about drill

chow line, since running is taboo.

TWO VERY POPULAR MAJORS ARE PROMOTED TO HIGHER RANK



JOHN D. FOLEY Lieut. Colonel, M. A. C.

Well known to all Letterman personnel, former Adjutant Major John D. Foley climbed another promotion rung in the Medical Administration Corps ladder with appointment to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Unique in Col. Foley's history is the fact that he has served four separate duty tours at Letterman. His first tour began in December. 1919, and extended to April, 1922, with the then Lieutenant Foley serving as Mess and Post Exchange Officer. His second tour was from April, 1924, to February, 1926, with duties of Adjutant and Exchange Officer. Duty tour number three, and as Captain Foley, was during the period February, 1931, to November, 1934, as Medical Supply Officer and Adjutant. The last tour of duty at Letterman was from December, 1940, until May, 1942, as Detachment Commander and Adjutant. He received the gold leaves of Major during this time.

Col. Foley was born at Bird-Island, Minnesota, February 24, 1887. He attended both public and parochial schools in Minnesota and also graduated in 1904 from the Minnesota School of Business Accountancy. He was employed by the Great Northern Implement Company for five years and then embarked on an Army career March 8, 1909, as a member of Co. I 1st Minn. Infantry, and has been in the service since

From October 11, 1909, to Novem-The daily "walking" race to the ber 29, 1917, Col. Foley served as an became chief of the service in Januenlisted man in the Hospital Corps



RAY L. ALLISON Lieut. Colonel, M. C.

and Medical Department in grades from Private to Master Sergeant, and on November 29, 1917, was commissioned as First Lieutenant. Assignments, besides those to Letterman Hospital, carried Col. Foley to the Philippine Islands, Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., Fort Armstrong, T. H., and the Panama Canal.

While on duty at Manila, P. I., Colonel Foley met Miss Estelle Lockwood. They were married January 23, 1923.

Another officer to whom well merited promotion came this week was Lt. Col. Ray L. Allison, Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section.

Col. Allison was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in his pre-medical work and from the Medical School of the same university. His interneship was served at St. Margaret's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Col. Allison received his commission in the Medical Corps Reserve in 1921 and was immediately ordered to duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps where he served for two years. From 1933 to 1936 he pursued special courses of studies in ear, nose and throat work at the University of Chicago and at the University of Wisconsin. In 1938 he became a member of the American Board of Ophthalmology. Col. Allison was again ordered to active duty in January, 1941, with station at this hospital and assigned to duty on the Ear, Nose and Throat Section. He

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Congratulations are in order for Fred C. Jacobs, appointed Technical Sergeant.

Success to T/Sgt. Lyle J. O'Connell, who was transferred to Baxter General Hospital, Spokane; Washington, during the week and Pvt. Jack B. Mitchell, who was transferred pending appointment as an Aviation Cadet.

A welcome to the following men who recently joined this station: Valentine T. Prieto, Juan S. Cogo, Albert E. Peterson, Joseph S. Lopez, Murrey H. Warschaure and Elgin H. Laizure.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/4th Lee P. Alderson busy establishing Mrs. Alderson in a new home.

T/3 James G. Gust returning from D. S. looking ? ? Well, that dark line under his nose is difficult to describe.

Scent of orange blossoms in the air for S/Sgts. Jack Lavelle and Thomas R. Bell and Cpl. Verdian J. Herbold.

Sgt. Malcom Foster still-looking for that extra stripe.

Cpl. Russell Carrow a Houdini with cards. Sgt. Wm. S. Taylor, Jr., and T/4 Herman E. Bushman will furnish proof.

Sgts. George W. Norvelle and Merle C. "Windy" West Chemical Warfaring for Letterman.

1st Sgt. Calvin Williams trying to decide if a "bean" dinner is worth twenty-odd cents.

Pvt. Robert Harrington foregoing those daily voluminous letters home to his wife to take a trip to see her. Sgt. William G. Louch acquiring

a beautiful sunburn. T/4 Edward Arnaiz anxiously

awaiting the new arrival to the Arnaiz family.

Sgt. Buford Folsom's romance broken up.

S/Sgt. Rosco J. Willey studying law for possible libel suits.

Blocks in Salt Lake City are among the largest in the country. As laid out by Brigham Young, Mormon leader and founder of Salt Lake City, each contains 10 acres. Most streets in the city are 132 feet wide.

The Service Man Has a Girl Friday

Here's news for men in service who'll need help with their Christmas shopping. You're far from home and far from any shopping center . . you're too busy to spend time shopping around . . . and yet you do want to remember the folks back home at Christmas . . . you do want to know they'll get a gift from you.

Let Macy's, Gift Center of the U. S. A., handle that problem for you. Let Betty Mason, our Shopper for the Armed Forces do your gift buying for you. All you have to do is write to her, at Macy's Herald Square, New York. Tell her to whom you want to send a present. If you like, give her suggestions as to what you wish to send. Tell her how much you want to spend and enclose a check or money order for that amount.

She'll select a gift from the thousands of wonderful Christmas presents in the World's Largest Store . . . the store where 94 cents does the work of a dollar. She'll have it gift wrapped, if you say so. She'll enclose a card that says anything you want it to say. And she'll ship it off in due time for Christmas. What's more, she'll drop you a note and tell you what she bought . . . so that when your girl writes to thank you for "that perfecty beautifu bag you sent . . . and how on earth did you know exactly what I'd like" . . . vou won't be too surprised.

Remember the address . . . Betty Mason, Macy's, Herald Square, New York. And if you're in New York at any time and want some help with your shopping, Christmas or otherwise, stop in and see Betty. She'll give you a glad hello and do your shopping for you. She knows every nook and cranny of the store and can save you lots of legwork and

VOLUNTEER GRAY LADIES

(Continued from page three) been comparatively light, and | through these last eight war months of increasingly heavy work. Their enrollment has increased to 49 members. Some of them put in one morning or one afternoon a week, and others with more time are at Letterman two and three full days a week. And they mean it when they say, "If there's any way we can help, let's do it!"

CHIEF CLERK OF UNIT PERSONNEL SECTION PROMOTED THIS WEEK



FRED C. JACOBS Technical Sergeant, Medical Department

Newest man to sport the stripes of Technical Sergeant at Letterman is Fred C. Jacobs, who has had, as he terms it, a sort of "Huckleberry Finn" existence. Notwithstanding, a five year association with work in the Civilan and Unit Personnel Office qualifieis Jacobs to be titled NCO in charge of the Unit Personnel Office at Letterman.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, February 9, 1907, he lived there until he was eighteen years old, graduating from high school in 1925. A desire to untangle the intricacies of radio took Jacobs to New York City. Sgt. Jacobs said that possibly the desire to travel had quite a bit to do with it-adding that his parents were stage troupers and that maybe he got the wanderlust from them. After attending radio school he went to Chicago and Waukeegan, Illinois, where he worked for a year and a half in a radio factory; and then back to Youngstown as bookkeeper for an insurance company for one year to complete the travel cycle.

steps west, and at the end of the along this line.

journey was San Francisco where he again obtained employment as a bookkeeper. This job lasted until March, 1932, and then Jacobs succumbed to restless feet and joined a Coast Artillery outfit for foreign duty. He spent two and one half years at the Pearl Harbor Defenses, Hawaii.

Back to civilian life again for a year, and again Jacobs enlistedthis time with the 30th Infantry at San Francisco in May, 1935. He was appointed Sgt. and assigned as Regimental Headquarters Clerk. In 1937 he was assigned on special duty to Letterman Hospital as Chief Clerk of the Civilian Conservation Corps and remained as such until April, 1939, when he purchased a discharge from the Army.

Retaining his position as CCC Clerk at Letterman, Jacobs remained in a civilian status until June 29, 1942, when he was assigned to the Unit Personnel Office. He was appointed Staff Sergeant June 30th and Technical Sergeant October 9th.

Naturally, radio is Sgt. Jacob's In 1930 Jacobs turned his foot- hobby and he is known as an expert



To 1st Lieut, and Mrs. Paul C. Jensen, Port of Oakland, California, a son, Paul Christian Jensen, Jr., born October 6, weight nine pounds and two and one half ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas F. King, 226th MP Co. Fort Mason, California, a daughter Laurel Jean King, born October 7, weight six pounds and thirteen ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Norman C. Willey, Hg. Adj. Inf., Camp Roberts, California, a daughter, Karen Lynn Willey, born October 8, weight seven pounds and eleven and one half oun-

War Communications

The Board of War Communications ordered long distance telephone calls relating to the War effort and public safety be given priority over all other calls, effective November 1. Calls concerning moving armed forces during combat operations, urgent orders for the armed forces, immediate dangers due to presence of the enemy, disasters materially affecting the War Effort or public security, will get first priority. Operators will give precedence to priority calls at all times.

TWO POPULAR MAJORS

(Continued from page six) ary of 1942. Col. Allison was promoted to captain in 1935, to major in 1941, and his commission as a lieutenant colonel dates from the 12th of this month.

In addition to his professional accomplishments Colonel Allison is well known as a raconteur, having the unusual faculty of being able to tell a good story accompanied both by facial contortions and manual manipulations. He has been asked on occasion to permit the publication of some of his tales or even reducing them to writing for private circulation, but up to the present time he has modestly declined and blushed at the same time.

You would blush, too.

Serve in Silence

Sports Slants From Other Camps

Charley Halbert, former All-American 'hoopster' with the West Texas State Teachers College basketball team, is scheduled to become the key offensive cog in the Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., quintet this season. The tall 6 ft. 9 in. center will be ably supported by other college stars who make up the team, including Allen Burns, Kansas State's flashy forward.

Under the guidance of S/Sgt. Les Wilson, former Boston Braves and minor league infielder, the Keesler Field, Miss., 'Commandos' rolled up a season record of 22 victories against only seven losses to take the State semi-pro baseball championship.

Skeet team representing Selfridge Field, Mich., ran off with the service honors and the individual high score in a shoot held at Detroit recently. The Selfridge gunners scored 110 on a possible 125 targets to outshoot the ten service teams entered. Individual honors went to Cpl. 'Bud' Russelo who shot a perfect score 25x25.

Johnny Blood, Green Bay Packer backfield ace for seven seasons, is now in training at Chanute Field, Ill. Blood, whose real name is John McNally holds the record for touchdowns scored in the National Professional league during a single season—13.

Charley Stanceau, who pitched for the New York Yankees during the 1941 season, is now attending the Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga. Charley hopes to get his gold bars early this month as he's eager to start tossing a few hand grenader start tossing a few hand grenades at Hitler, Hirohito and Company!

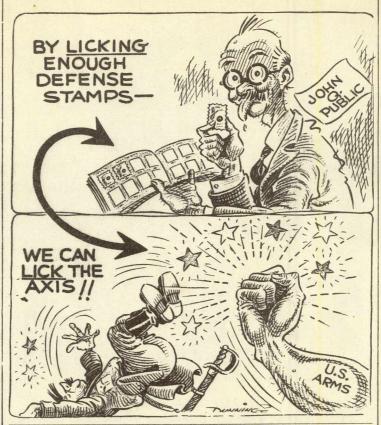
S/Sgt. Bob Murray stroked his way to the first flight champion-ship of Stockton Field, Cal., in the San Joaquin County Championship Golf tournament held recently. Murray was one down on the 17th hole and then shot two pars to take the title. He carded a 78 and an 81 for a total of 159.

A pick-up team of soccer players from Keesler Field, Miss., are engaged in a series of booting contests with a team of small, but skilled British sailors. The soldiers have managed to hold the English lads to three ties and one close victory in the four encounters to date.

Charlotte, N. C .- Mrs. Mary Jane Watkins, chief clerk of Mecklenburg County Selective Service Board No. 4, on September 27 will order Lloyd Alvin Watkins to report for induction into the Army.

He is her husband.

SOMETHING ALL CAN DO



SPOT NEWS!!! OUR KEGLERS WIN ALL THREE GAMES FOR A CHANGE

was attained by the Letterman bowling team last Friday night in the 875-House League at the Broadway Van Ness alleys when they bowled the Broadway High Hatters. The Medics forged ahead at the beginning of each game and never were threatened by fancy bowling from the other team. Once in the second game it looked bad for the Medics when the Hatters got within one point from them, but it was easily gained back with six more to spare.

Sgt. Henry Kuntz of the Medics was high bowler for both teams with a 599 triple, missing a prize 600 series in the last frame of the third game with an eight-pin fill instead of a nine. Cpl. Marano was second high for the LGH team with a 547 triple, with a high score of 211 in the third game. Sergeant Wilcox was next with a 538 triple, getting a 210 for the last game. Sgt. Yohe rolled a 526 series to help bring back his average from bottom place to where it should be. He apparently

A smashing three-game victory has shaken his slump because of his nice series two weeks in a row. Sgt. Mottier, who placed last with a 485 triple, could have done a lot better had he not received so many splits in each game. An ordinary bowler couldn't have had that series with the breaks Sgt. Mottier had.

Following are the scores for the

HIGH HATTERS

Persson	. 151	164	178	509				
Westphal	. 153	181	177	519				
Rerbuha	. 162	155	155	472				
Rhidnas	. 162	143	114	419				
Lovstad	. 172	220	183	575				
Totals	. 816	861	817	2497				
LETTERMAN HOSPITAL								
Kuntz	. 187	217	195	599				
Yohe	. 186	180	150	526				
Marano	. 150	186	211	547				
Wilcox	. 148	180	210	538				
Mottier	. 172	147	166	485				
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Totals	. 853	910	932	2695				
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Serve in Silence



AMERICAN COMMANDER In EUROPE - Lieut. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, designated Commanding General of American forces in the European theater with headquarters in London, is a native of Texas, entered the Army upon his graduation from West Point in 1915. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his activity in training tank corps troops during the World War.

What's in a Name?

Ft. Sheridan, Ill.—Hell entered this Post recently and is still here. His first name is James—his mid-dle initial is 'C'—his rank is private. And Hell brought a Sinner who answers to 'John.' He too is a private. Other private names which have become more or less public since entering service here are Pvt. Bath and Pvt. Nazi. The record also shows a Pvt. Bark, but

War Taxes

The Senate passed and sent to conference with the House the 1942 War Revenue Bill which the Treasury estimated will vield \$9 Billion in new revenue annually. Of this total, approximately \$1,706 Million would be refundable because the Bill provides an extra 5 per cent "victory tax" on all individual incomes above \$12 a week-part of which would be refunded as credit on other taxes a year later or as a post-war refund. The new Bill will make 42 to 44 Million persons subject to Federal taxes, compared with 28 Million at present, and will bring total Federal revenue up to \$26 Billion a year.

Major: "What is a maneuver?" Rookie: "Something you put on the grass, sir, to make it green."

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Keeping Your Light Under a Bushel Is Good Form Nowadays

Warning that the new Pacific Coast dim-out regulations will go into effect at 12:01 a. m. Sunday, October 25th, was issued Thursday by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, Commanding, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

The new regulations which tighten the rules for the control of lighting in all areas of the Zone of Restricted Lighting, whether or not visible from the sea, are covered by Public Proclamation No. 12, issued October 10, and effective October 25. This Proclamation amends Proclamation No. 10, issued August 5, 1942, under which the dim-out has been operative since its effective date of August 20.

The only exception to the effective date of October 25 relates to further dimming of street and highway lights. Provisions of Proclamation No. 12 relating to these types of lighting is not effective until November 12, in order to give civil authorities ample opportunty to properly shield such lights.

Quoting from the original announcement of the new dim-out regulations, the Army said:

"Throughout the Zone of Restricted Lighting essentially all light visible from above, including street tions are now placed upon interior lighting which will affect show windows, restaurants and stores which have interior lighting visible out of

"Such lighting will not be permit-



Major RICHARD E. HUMES, M.A.C. For the past two years Medical Supply Officer at this hospital, now has a new mailing address.

they are not visible outdoors above cured from the Ninth Regional Civthe horizontal.

"Restrictions on lights visible lighting, must now be shielded. As from the sea remain essentially as in the past, all illuminated signs, or- heretofore, and stress is again laid namental lighting and flood lighting on the fact that no lighting shall be are prohibited. In addition restric- permitted behind windows or glazed doors visible from the sea unless they are covered by drapes or shades.

"The regulations require that industrial and protective lighting and light from industrial processes shall ted to contribute more than one foot be shielded so as not to throw light candle of illumination upon any out- above the horizontal or be visible door area. In addition the light from the sea. Variations are pro-

ilian Defense Board. This Board continues as the primary agency to aid in the enforcement, and all civil law enforcement agencies and state and local governmental bodies within the Zone affected are requested to assist place of residence. the Board of Enforcement.

"Motorists will find that the new amendments do not change driving the status of German or Japanese conditions with the exception of authorized emergency cars. The new regulations do not in any way change that portion of the original proclamation prohibiting lights visible from the sea, including but not sources themselves, even within vided for where necessary, but not limited to lghts from fires, bonfires, of any such persons guilty of violatbuildings, must be so controlled that until written approval has been se- parked cars, flashlights and lanterns.

Enemy Aliens of Italian Origin No Longer Restricted

In conformity with a Presidential directive announced October 12th by United States Attorney General Francis Biddle, exempting Italian aliens from alien enemy regulations, Lieutenant General J. L. De-Witt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, today issued Public Proclamation No. 13 effective at 12:00 o'clock noon, October 19, relieving such persons from curfew and travel restrictions now applicable to them in the several areas of the Western Defense Command.

The Proclamation was issued to unify the military rules with those announced by United States Attorney General Biddle, in conformity with Presidential order.

It also lifts travel and curfew restrictions for those aliens at present stateless but who at the time at which they became stateless were citizens or subjects of Italy, and aliens of enemy nationalities during their term of military service in the armed forces of the United States.

The curfew regulations revoked by this new proclamation required Italians to be in their places of residence between the hours of 8:00 p. m. and 6:00 a. m. At other hours it limited travel to movement between their place of residence and employment or within a distance of not more than five miles from their

Proclamation No. 13 does not apply to, nor in any manner change, aliens, or persons of Japanese ancestry. These groups will remain subject to the penalties of Public Law No. 503, 77th Congress, which provide for immediate apprehension and internment or court prosecution

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C. O. OF LETTERMAN STILL RESIDES IN SAN FRANCISCO

From time to time, but lately on more rare occasions, passers-by on the corridors of the Administration Building may have noticed a tall, elderly gentleman with a distinguished military bearing coming in or leaving the hospital. Anyone caring to inquire as to his identity might be surprised to learn that he is Colonel William P. Kendall, Medical Corps, Retired, who, 40 years ago in June, assumed command of Letterman General Hospital as the second commanding officer in its his-

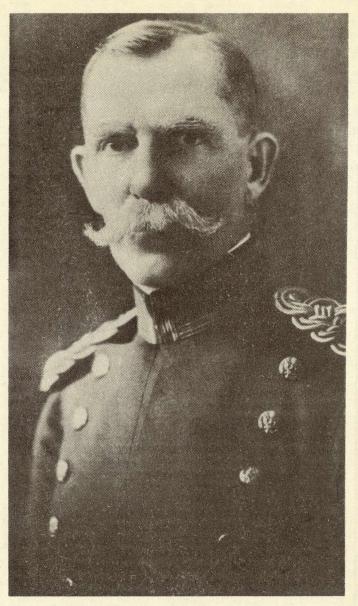
That was back in the days when the color of the Medical Corps was green instead of maroon and the insignia worn by the medical officer was a Maltese Cross instead of a Caduseus. There are very few among the personnel on duty here today whose memory goes back that far. It is really a page out of the past when one refers to the record of Colonel Kendall.

He was born at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in 1858 and educated in the public schools of Pittsfield where he was later a teacher. He received his degree of medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York in 1882 and completed his interneship in the same city in 1885.

He was appointed a contract surgeon in February of 1885, and became an active surgeon of the Medical Corps on August 12 of the same year. He was promoted to captain in 1890 and to major in 1901. He became a lieutenant colonel in January, 1910, and a colonel in May, 1916, and retired October 18, 1920, for disability in line of duty. During the World War Colonel Kendall was the Chief Surgeon at Schofield Barracks in the Hawaiian Department and prior to that had two years of service in the Philippines for a total of five years. His last station prior to retiring was at Camp Kearney, California.

Colonel Kendall was in command of Letterman Hospital from July 1, 1902, until April 2, 1904, and it was during his administration that the operating room was put in its present location and remained practically in the same state until the recent additions were completed in the summer of this year.

People familiar with photographs of the old army officers often remarked about the popularity of what



Colonel WILLIAM P. KENDALL, M. C. U. S. Army, Retired

a widespread hirsute adornment | made no excuses to anyone for wearwhich was enhanced very often by curling ends. It was the sign of the military man even when not in uniform. However, the wearing of that type of mustache was not limited to cavalry, and as a medical officer served with every branch of the service the old time medical man was perfectly proper in developing a decoration of that type so that he might be prepared to serve with the cavalry if orders to that effect should be issued. Or it might be that he was known as the cavalry mustachio, just liked that type of mustache and to come.

Colonel Kendall has the distinction of being the oldest surviving officer who held this command and what is unique about the surviving commanding officers of Letterman Hospital is that all of them now live in or near San Francisco.

Despite his 84 years Colonel Kendall enjoys good health and it is the wish of the staff of Letterman of this day that he may continue to enjoy the same good health for many years office through which the parcels are

What To Do About Christmas Mail For Men Overseas

In view of the existing shortage of oversea shipping space and of the transit time necessarily consumed in reaching some of the oversea destinations where members of the armed forces are stationed, it is important that Christmas parcels for the oversea forces be mailed in time to avoid a late congestion of such parcels and to permit dispatches to be made in an even flow as opportunity offers.

Time of Mailing: Christmas parcels and cards should be mailed during the period beginning October 1 and ending November 1, 1942. Patrons should be encouraged to endorse each gift parcel "Christmas Parcel."

Size and Weight: Christmas parcels shall not exceed the present limits of 11 pounds in weight or 18 inches in length and girth combined. Nevertheless the public is urged by the War and Navy Departments to cooperate by voluntarily restricting the size of Christmas parcels to that of an ordinary shoe box, and the weight to 6 pounds. Members of the Armed Forces are amply provided with food and clothing and the public is urged not to include such matter in gift parcels.

Preparation: It is absolutely necessary that all articles be packed in substantial boxes or containers and be covered with wrappers of sufficient strength not only to resist pressure of other mail in the same sack, but to withstand the weight of other sacks of mail.

Perishable Matter: No perishable matter should be included in any parcels.

Prohibited Articles: Intoxicants, inflammable materials (including matches of all kinds and lighter fluids), and poisons, or compositions which may kill or injure another. or damage the mails, are unmailable.

How to Address Parcels: Addresses must be legible. Parcels addressed to overseas Army personnel should show, in addition to the name and address of the sender, the name, rank, Army serial number, branch of service, organization, APO number of the addressee and the post to be routed.

SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE FOR SERVICE MEN DOING GOOD WORK

An organization with a local name but a national reputation-The San Francisco League for Service Menhas been accomplishing Herculean labors in our midst with very little publicity but a maximum of achievement. In the ten months during which the organization has been operating, a tabulation of articles gathered and distributed by the League to the men of the Armed Forces passing through this port from all parts of the United States begins to reach record-breaking totals.

The League has provided everything from barber chairs to Baloptican lanterns, from ping pong tables to plumbing fixtures, from toilet articles to tools. Or to further characterize their distribution, the League has furnished instruments for twelve complete bands and nearly four hundred radio sets, one hundred ninety eight phonographs, fifty-two pianos, dozens of washing machines, thousands of books, and nearly one half million magazines.

This has been no haphazard solicitation, but an organized drive, conducted by hard-working, efficient volunteer committees, going after a definite objective—the securing of comforts, amusements and even necessities for the men in service.

The San Francisco League for Service Men was organized on December 9-two days after Pearl Harbor -by two of San Francisco's most outstanding women, Mrs. Alma Spreckels Awl, and Mrs. Prentis Cobb Hale. Both established enviable records for service in World War No. I. With this wide background of experience, they were quick to envision the tremendous needs that would arise with San Francisco as the port of embarkation for countless thousands of men. They called together a small group of experienced workers, like themselves, and held the first meeting on December 15. From then on, the organization proceeded swiftly and no time was lost in starting to function. Scores of new workers were enlisted, committees formed, morale officers of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps were consulted, suitable publicity began to appear in newspapers and over the air-the machinery was rolling.

Offices and a receiving depot were first established at the home of Mrs.



Mrs. ALMA SPRECKELS, AWL

Founder and President of the San Francisco League for Service Men.

was secured at 1430 Van Ness ave- and other articles provide comfort are busy each day answering telephones, picking up donations, sorting books and magazines, cutting and sewing kits for toilet articles, and performing dozens of other tasks in this beehive of activities.

At one time a sound truck was needed to provide some little diversion for the men stationed in isolated and lonely outposts. Quite a sizeable order, but not a problem for the League. Committees swung into action, sold tickets and gave a big benefit bridge party. When an accounting was made, there was plenty for the sound equipment, and for the furniture for one of the camps as

One department of the League has busied itself with the task of furnishing recreation rooms for the use Awl, but it soon became necessary of the men. Rooms equipped with to move to larger quarters. A store easy chairs, tables, lamps, bookcases

nue, between Bush and Pine streets, and relaxation for leisure hours. the present headquarters of the Some of these rooms have been League, where volunteer workers furnished with articles furnished separately, others as projects by clubs or business groups. Most recent among the latter were rooms for Camp Stoneman, furnished by proceeds from fashion shows conducted by employees of the City of Paris and members of the Bell Club. an organization of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, At Ft. Mason, the League is now furnishing three recreation rooms-one for nurses, one for ofifcers and a third for service men.

> Athletic equipment has not been forgotten. Only recently a truckload went to Camp Stoneman, where the League has also equipped a combeen included. Fishing tackle has Alexander Watchman.

been provided in great quantities, much of this going to Alaska, where fishing provides the chief form of outdoor amusement.

League workers have made and filled many thousands of kits, all filled with needed toilet articles, for presentation to soldiers and sailors leaving for world battlefields. These kits have been filled by many groups -women's clubs, fraternal organizations, office workers and store employees. The Southern Pacific Club and employees of banks, downtown stores, and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company are among these ranks of "kit-suppliers" and have also given many other needed articles, including typewriters, phonographs and radios.

Organized labor has assisted the League in many instances, providing electric lights and flooring for recreation huts, plumbing fixtures, furniture and money to purchase urgently needed articles, One union provided an outgoing medical unit with extra surgical equipment.

Entertainment has not been forgotten by the League and a committee, headed by Mrs. Rae Smith, has worked for ten months, providing professional shows inside camps and at hospitals. The League's entertainment committee last month took a group of patients from Lettermen to the Ice Follies. Others active in League work have entertained men from Hickam Field at dinners or on sight-seeing jaunts.

To date, this unique organization has been able to fill practically every need-even to several layettes for newborn babies of soldiers.

Officers and directors of the League include leaders in civic, social, business and labor ranks. They are: Mrs. Alma Spreckels Awl, president; Mrs. Prentis Cobb Hale, vicepresident; Mrs. Henry Dippel, executive vice-president; Mrs. Cecil L. Cooley, secretary; Mrs. Fred Hihn, treasurer; Walter J. Walsh, Henry Boyen, Ivan Branson, Mrs. Clarence P. Cuneo, Mrs. George Randolph Hearst, Felix McGinnis, Dennis J. McNerney, Peter Maloney, Melville P. Meyer, James D. Murphy, Carroll plete baseball team. Boxing gloves, Newburgh, James E. Rickets, John tennis rackets, golf clubs, and even N. Rosekrans, Arthur E. Rowe, roller skates have been given to Frank K. Runyan, Senator John camps or staging areas. Many pool Shelley, Ray Schiller, J. H. Smith, tables and ping pong tables have also William G. Storie, Paul Verdier and

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

THE WAR CHEST

In keeping with the spirit of the times the annual campaign for funds to assist the needy. now in progress, is known this year as The War Chest instead of the more familiar Community Chest.

In scope it is wider than in former years and takes in the several activities brought into being as a result of the war. It covers both the war front and the home front and furnishes the opportunity to contribute to the welfare agencies in keeping with the slogan "One for all." It means that one donation is asked at one time instead of a series of campaigns and numerous collectors to gather funds.

In a recent plea for generous giving to War Chests, Raymond Massey, the eminent ac-

tor, said:
"Let us say to our men in the armed forces: 'Go on! Bless you! We'll look after your families, your town, your way of life, your allies. Be easy in your minds, youngsters. Everything you did when you were here will be done by the rest of us. You do your job and we'll do ours. Home will be better when you get back to it."

The personnel of Letterman has always exceeded a fixed quota and we feel there will be no reason to doubt their continued support of the community for its War Chest.

No fixed quota this year but there is a reputation for generous giving to maintain.

And Letterman lives up to its reputation.

"Buy More WAR BONDS"



Miss Dorothy Zeller, Chief Nurse at Bakersfield, and former member of this staff was a welcome visitor early in the week. We like to see our former associates return.

Miss Minnie E. Newell, Chief Nurse, and also a former member of our staff has come back as a patient, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Annie O. Baird who was promoted to Chief Nurse on October

We extend a welcome to the following recent appointees in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve:

Miss Helen Petersen was born in Castroville, California, and attended high school in Salinas, graduating in 1937. She took her professional training at O'Connor Sanitarium in San Jose, and remained there to do surgical nursing until October of this year when she was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps and assigned to Letterman Hospital, Coming from that part of the state where rodeos are on everyone's social calendar, and horses are a main topic of conversation, she naturally prefers horseback riding to any other form of recreation.

Miss Bertha A. Morgan was born in Ashland, Oregon, and attended high school at Happy Camp, California, graduating in 1939. She took her nurses training at The Dalles Hospital, Oregon, spending two months there in general duty nursing after completing her course, and two months at the Community Hospital in Ashland, before joining the Army Nurse Corps. She loves outdoor sports, and swimming and horseback riding are her favorite forms of recreation.

Miss Gertrude Feuz was born in Elk, Wyoming, attended Stadium High School in Tacoma, Washington, and took her nurses training at the Tacoma General Hospital. She spent around Tacoma and Seattle, and this swimming and reading.



An open box of cigars on a table in the Staff Room put there by Colonel Berle "in loco parentis" for Mary Lee Weaver, whose arrival made him a "grandpappy."

Major Al Schwarz giving Colonel Oscar Nolan a terrible half hour with a tall tale about additions to his patient roster.

Staff Sgt. R. J. Willey taking over the pulpit on Sunday last when the visiting chaplain was prevented from appearing by one of the exigencies of the service-and doing a good job.

Lt. Lou Arnone back from the duck country with tales of oh so many geese and a few ducks.

Paul Montini, former patient, who drew a CDD from the army but will get into the scrap by joining the Merchant Marine.

First Sergeant Robert F. Bergen, of the Detachment of Patients, expanding in the additional space at his disposal.

Major Theo. P. Shoemaker looking over a pile of Pounds, Shillings, and Pence and mentally figuring out how much it all amounted to in money. . . .

Eleanor Wolitarsky pointing out why people should buy War Bonds and making the sale.

Would like to see more people buying bonds.

"I hear your brother is in the hospital. How is he?"

"He's getting along fine, but he won't be coming home for a long

"Is that what his doctor says?" "No. But I've seen his nurse."

-Hudson Star.

last year attended the University of Washington where she studied public health. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps on October 19th and Letterman Hospital is her first station. Her interests outside of the following three years in general nursing include dress designing, duty and special nursing in and dressmaking, horseback riding,

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, October 25, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Visiting Chaplains Invited To Conduct **Sunday Services**

Tomorrow morning (Sunday) in the Post Chapel the congregations will have an opportunity to hear two visiting Chaplains who have generously volunteered their services for the occasion.

At 8:00 a. m. the celebrant and speaker at the Mass will be Chaplain Edward J. Burns, of the Army Air Forces, recently returned from Australia. Father Burns is a native of San Antonio, Texas, and widely known throughout the army.

Colonel Edward L. Branham, senior Chaplain at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, will speak to the patients over the hospital public address system at 9:00 o'clock and, later conduct the Morning Worship hour beginning at 10:00 o'clock.

Chaplain Branham is third in seniority in the Chaplains' Corps and has been on active duty in the Regular Army since World War I.

New Representative For JWB Takes Up **Duties at LGH**

Mr. Robert Feldhammer, who has been the Jewish Welfare Board representative visiting this hospital for the past year, has resigned to join the staff of the local organization. He will be succeeded in the JWB by Mr. Lawrence Segal, formerly of Los Angeles.

Men of Jewish faith who wish to see Mr. Segal may make requests through the Chaplain's office.

A picnicker was crossing a pasture. "Say," he called to the farmer, "is this bull safe?"

"I reckon," the farmer answered. "he's a lot safer than you are."

-Smith's Weekly.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



LOUIS E. SULLIVAN Pvt. Medical Department

Athlete supreme is Pvt. Louis E. Sullivan, Buck of the week now assigned to the Message Center at Letterman Hospital. Reason, no doubt, is the fact that he has Irish ruggedness and fire combined with French smoothness in his blood.

Lou was born August 2, 1918 in San Francisco, and has lived in the Bay Area ever since. He attended the Sequoia High School in Redwood City, and became one of the most popular and well known students on the campus because of his athletic accomplishments. He participated in football, basketball, track, golf and tennis, winning a varsity letter in the first three. Along with the fact that he is the holder of the Peninsula Athletic League High Hurdle and High Jump Records, he was also chosen as All-P.A.L.-End in his senior year. Sequoia High's football team held the Peninsula Championship at that time.

Pvt. Sullivan graduated in 1936, after completing an academic course, and obtained a position with a paint manufacturing company. He was employed as a purchasing agent. The paint business was his means of livelihood until his number came up in the draft. Induction took place August 31, 1942 in San Francisco.

Sullivan was sent first to the Reception Center, Presidio of Monterey, then transferred to Letterman at Letterman on September 20th, he dle." enjoyed a two weeks furlough. And basic training? Well, he's in the process of that formality now.

His big ambition previous to coming in the service, and he hopes to continue with it when discharged, is to write fiction novels. His idea took bud when he was editing the Se-Quartermaster Corps, sometime in lection of the QMC.

The War Bond Officer Talks to the Pert Young Thing About Buying Bonds and Such

at his desk deep in reverie on all you later in life in the form of a the means to be used to bring the retirement allowance, or if you sever civilian employees participation in your connection with the Governthe War Bond sales up to the 90 ment services the money will be reper cent level desired by the Secretary of War. He looked up to find the Pert Young Thing standing before his desk expressing a desire to discuss the War Bond Payroll Deduction.

The Pert Young Thing opened up with an explanation of what a drain it would be on her meager income to make the deduction desired by the Secretary of War. She said, "First of all they take five per cent from my pay check for retirement, and now they come along with another idea of taking ten percent for War Bonds. That makes a total of fifteen percent of my pay every month. As I don't get too much you can readily see that it means a real sacrifice. Do you believe that the War Department expects us to make sacrifices to that extent?"

The War Bond Officer said, 'Speaking of sacrifices, everybody in this day-in this country-should be making sacrifices. Consider first of all the men of Bataan. They have made a very heavy sacrifice, and that sacrifice will continue until peace comes-at least those who survived the battles there. The marines of Quadalcanal have made sacrifices and are making them daily. Every man who has gone into the armed forces has made sacrifices. He has taken a loss in pay, in most instances, his liberty has been seriously curtailed, and to all of them there is the possibility that life itself might be jeopardized."

The Pert Young Thing countered with "Yes, I know all that, but after all I am facing an increase in the costs of living with no increase in pay. I have to make a dollar stretch twice as far as I did before, and the stretching process is rapidly becom-Hospital. However, before arriving ing a little bit more than I can han-

> The WBO pondered a moment and said "But after all your payroll deduction for retirement and payroll deduction for War Bonds is not money that you are spending. It is money that you are saving; money you are investing. The deduction for

quoia paper. And his present Army the future. He feels that his backambition is to be accepted for O.C.S., ground in civilian life warrants se-

The War Bond Officer was seated retirement fund will come back to funded. The deduction you make on the payroll for the purchase of War Bonds is not only a saving but an investment. An investment that will earn you a profit of 33-1/3 per cent over a ten-year period. These deductions can not be looked at in the light of contributions-they are funds which are accumulating to your credit.

> "It is quite true that the cost of living has increased considerably. It is also true that there has been no increase in your pay, regrettable as that is. However, it means that in this total war where everyone is on the battle line in one form or other everybody has to do his or her share to bring about that hoped for total victory. It may mean a sacrifice of new clothes. It may mean a lessening of the entertainment program. It may mean a curtailment in the quality of the food we consume. All of which are sacrifices, but again in all three phases, that type of sacrifice is made even to a greater extent by the men who are actually fighting our battles.

> "We all wish to be patriotic. Nearly all of us are permeated with a deep feeling of desire to do all that we can in our humble way for our country. If we feel that way, then we should sacrifice until it hurts.

> "There is no joy in sacrifice of any kind. It must always be inspired by a lofty motive. It is always accompanied by suffering or deprivation in one form or another. Can we, in taking stock of ourselves, have peace of mind in the thought that our selfishness makes virtual slackers of us?"

> The Pert Young Thing said, "Well, I don't suppose that I have ever thought the thing through. I know I never realized the enormity of the task that faces us as a nation. Maybe after all I not only can but will find the way to loan the Government a part of my income in order that the War might be carried to a successful conclusion. Please, sir, may I have a subscription blank?"

A prospective bridegroom has learned that the first essential in feathering a nest is a little down. -Chicago Tribune.

ON THE SPOT



JOHN TYLESHEVSKI 1st Sgt., AAF, Unassigned

First Sergeant John Tyleshevski, recently admitted to this hospital from overseas duty, is now a patient on Ward N-1. Anything but a recruits' idea of all first sergeants, Tyleshevski is on the slight side in stature, inclined to the serious side in expression and quiet. To top it off he is only 24 years old. The fact that he is so young, and already a top non-com is proof enough that there is a wealth of brains and good judgment hiding behind his reserved manner.

John was born in the small town of Marguerite, Pennsylvania, where he attended German Township High School. Upon completing an academic course, he enlisted in the Army Air Force, asking for overseas duty. And because of his background he was assigned to the administration branch of the Air Force. Within two months of his enlistment he was transferred to Hickam Field, Hawaii. He arrived in Hawaii March 20, 1940, and was still stationed there at the time of the bombing on December

When asked if he had any reminders of that day, he promptly rolled up the sleeve of his left arm, disclosing the scars of a shrapnel wound, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart. His outfit, in bed at the outset, went into action immediately, and are credited with shooting down several enemy planes. Because of illness he was hospitalized and eventually transferred back to the states and Letterman Hospital.

John isn't the only Tyleshevski, (whew!) in the service, his younger brother is attached to an Air Force unit stationed at Tucson, Arizona.

Sergeant (to married recruit)-Hey, you, button your coat." Recruit (absently)-"Yes, dear." -Atlanta Journal.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

There has been quite a bit of excitement among the students since word was received that ratings are to be given all students attending the School. This will call for harder study, boys, for those stripes can be lost if you fail in your exams.

S/Sgt. Robert J. Ransom, ex-bachelor, is still wondering if the gift he received is a token of friendship or a gentle hint that the boys like to "eat out" occasionally.

S/Sgt. Nathan Edelstein, recently returned from the "bright lights" of Broadway, has caused a mild epidemic of nostalgia with his tales of Old New York.

A last reminder that Christmas mail to distant points should be sent off by November 1st to insure delivery by the "Big Day."

Barracks T-39 overcame their jinx by winning the weekly inspection last Saturday. Could it be the "restriction" gave the students the incentive to work? Even so, from bottom to top in one jump was a swell job.

Our recently developed art department in School Headquarters is growing by leaps under the deft hands of T/5th Grade Bruce Sloan and Miss Gretchen Allen. Their work is admired by all and appreciated by those whose work is simplified by their illustrations.

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

1st Sgt. Harvey W. Hablitzel's version of the "Strip Polka." Whoops, my deah!

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S/Sgt. Wilber K. Selvey "feeding the birds."

ENEMY ALIENS

(Continued from page one) ing restrictions applying to them under the various proclamations.

An Army spokesman further emphasized the fact that the necessity for continued vigilance and exclusion of individuals dangerous to the military security of the coastal front was not relaxed by this action.

Serve in Silence

SERVICE WITH A SMILE AS COLD CASH CASCADES OVER THE COUNTER



Captain WAYNE M. AKERS, F. D. Finance Officer, Letterman General Hospital

Common sense and foresight—two requisites for civilian business and finance—have also played an important part in Captain Wayne M. Akers' army career. The captain spent 18 successful years in civilian banking business, but his ability to anticipate prompted him to prepare himself for the future in the event this country went to war again.

During the last war Captain Akers served for a short time in the Infantry, and was attending Officers' Candidate School when the Armistice was signed. Nine years ago he applied for training in the Reserve Corps and received a commission of 2nd Lieut, in 1933. The commissions of 1st Lieut. and Captain were forthcoming during the next two years. When called to active duty in May of this year he attended school at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and came to Letterman General Hospital as Finance Officer, August 12, 1942, after an initial two month tour of duty at Camp Cook, California, as Assistant Finance Officer.

Captain Akers was born in Monett, Missouri, March 20, 1899. His family moved to Oklahoma for a short time, and then traveled west to Eugene, Oregon, where he has lived since 1910. He attended high school in that state, and received degrees in Finance in 1922 and Music in 1923 at the University of Oregon.

The Captain considers his interest in music as a hobby—a means of self expression—but his versatility in this realm of the arts is more than just a hobby. During his college years he organized and directed his own dance band, played the violin and directed a chorus. He has also sung with many large musical or ganizations.

Captain and Mrs. Akers and their two children, a girl 13 and boy 10, consider Eugene, Oregon, as home. In civilian life Captain Akers was associated with the First National Bank in Eugene for 18 years, and has retained his interest as a Director for the duration of the emergency, when he will resume his position.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Bert A. Selberg and Maurice E. Bristow appointed Staff Sergeants; Carl H. Wade and Herman J Gai appointed Sergeants; Zeryl Dryden appointed Technician Fourth Grade, and Willis L. Anderson, John R. Barsocchini, Clifton J. Gorchard, James L. Chan, Aage Hejlesen, Arthur A. Johnson, Hamlin A. Juedes, Carroll W. Marsh, Niel F. Martin, Arthur H. Milz, William B. Mozakowski, Herbert A. Radke, Charles B. Richards, Jr., Matia Ruiz, Robert F. Sims, Charles P. Smith, James G. Thompson, James W. Ward, Robert L. White, and William A. Young, appointed Privates First Class.

A welcome is extended the following men who joined this station during the week: T/3 gr. Clarence Goodermuth, and Privates Melecio L. Gaoaen, John P. DeMartini, Thomas M. Sergeant and Charles F. Sullivan.

Best of luck to Sgt. Clifford E. Laws, who transferred to the Chemical Warfare Service.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Malcolm Foster busy making connections to insure that a large number of young ladies will be on hand for the proposed enlisted men's dance

Cpl. Anthony L. Domingos willing and ready at all times to contribute news for this column.

S/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., attending most of the football games with a group of detachment men and then mysteriously disappearing after each game.

Pvt. Francis "Peaches" Monahan looking for company in the Chaplains' Office for a cup of coffee at the P.X.

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz and Sgt. Paul F. Mottier breaking into the downtown bowling news with consistent 600 scores.

S/Sgt. Leonard P. Bell discovering that it is more difficult to get to work on time without the benefits of the C.Q.'s whistle.

Cpl. Ralph M. Mason enthusiastic over his self imposed "Bond a Month" program.

Sgt. Eugene F. Ryback, a certain red-headed young lady and possible wedding bells.

Letterman Keglers Turn Up with Some **Better Bowling**

The Letterman Bowling team again won two games out of three from the Azevedo Jewelers in the 875 Straight-Away League at the Broadway Van Ness Alleys Friday, October 16, which saw the Medic's forge out ahead the first two games with scores of 883 to 858, and 947 to 863, with the last game going to the jewelers with a score of 950 to 864.

Sgt. Henry Kuntz had high game for the Letterman team with a 232 score, with his opponent bowling the exact score of 232. Kuntz ended his series with a 572 triple, having a bad third game which kept him from getting a 600 series. Several times Sgt. Kuntz has missed a 600 series by only a few pins and won't give up until the last frame of each game to get a high total pin fall.

Sgt. Wilcox got his first 600 series when he rolled games of 204, 195, and 205, ending with a 604 triple. This was the first 600 series bowled by the members of the Letterman

Sgt. Mottier is still having tough luck with his new type of ball continually getting a lot of splits too hard to pick up. His games were not bad, though, having rolled them for a 499 series.

Sgt. Yohe and Corporal Morano each were above the five hundred mark.

Following are the scores for the night's bowling:

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

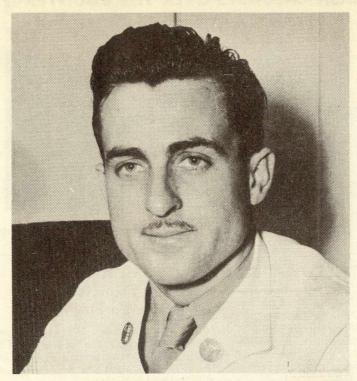
Kuntz	232	204	136	572
Yohe	157	166	181	503
Marano	135	191	189	512
Wilcox	204	195	205	604
Mottier	155	191	154	499
Totals	002	047	964	2004
AZEVEDO JEWE			804	2094
Baccetti	232	206	204	642
Babich	149	145	156	450
Risso	152	162	206	520
Guin	144	176	178	498
Wells	181	194	206	581
Totals	858	863	950	2671

Jones-"I've heard that your wife is a finished singer."

Smith-"Well, not yet. But the neighbors almost got her last night." -Boston Transcript.

"He thinks he's one of the big guns of industry-and he has been fired seven times."

PATIENTS KEEP NO SECRETS FROM THIS CAPABLE NON-COM IN CHARGE OF X-RAY



MAURICE E. BRISTOW Staff Sergeant, Medical Department N.C.O. in Charge of Radiological Service

Keenly interested in the field of medicine even before his association with the Army, S/Sgt. Maurice Edward Bristow has found that besides being the type of work he likes, his diligence in the X-Ray Department of the Radiological Service has resulted in a promotion to Staff Sergeant on October 15th.

Born in Yakima, Washington, November 11, 1918, S/Sgt. Bristow left here when he was one year old to reside in Los Angeles, California. And until he completed grammar school Sgt. Bristow considered Los Angeles home. With his family Bristow moved to the town of Redlands, California-located in the rich San Bernardino Valley-where he completed high school. Sgt. Bristow did not stop his education at that point but enrolled in the San Bernardino Junior College and graduated in 1940 after completing the required basis sciences for a pre-medical course. If the financial situation had not otherwise decreed, Sgt. Bristow would be engrossed in medical schooling at the present.

education were frustrated Sgt. Bris- construction.

tow took another long look at the future and decided to enlist in the Army. He joined up at March Field, California, on August 13, 1940 for assignment to Letterman Hospital. He arrived three days later and was, after a month-long training period, assigned to the Receiving and Disposition Office. His duties here lasted until December, 1940, and then he was assigned to the X-Ray Department.

Sgt. Bristow is not only N. C. O. in Charge at the X-Ray but has been on duty in that department longer than any other person-officer,, civilian or enlisted persons included. He was on hand when, under the direction of Lt. Col. Luther R. Moore-then Chief of Radiological Service—the X-Ray Department was moved from Ward "R" to the present site. And the sergeant's statement of "scraping cement off the new rubber tile floor for seemingly ages before we moved in," is proof that he had an actual hand in the finishing of this modern department of the hos-

When his plans to complete his enjoys relaxation in model airplane curly hair if they eat their spinach."

100 PERCENTERS

The honor of being the first to become members of the ONE HUN-DRED PERCENT CLUB in the campaign for participation in the purchase of War Bonds goes to the civilian employees in the Office of Civilian Personnel. It is not expected they will be alone in that group very long as several other offices are adding to the subscribers and hope to join the charmed set by next week:

The roster of the staff of Civilian Personnel follows:

Robert McKnight Bernice LaBella Harriett Hagler Martha Phillips Mary M. Benson Mary O. Cranert Frances Caceres Esther J. Grobler Madalyn Hansen Dorine Miller

Eleanor A. Wolitarsky

Enlisted Men To Resume Dancing **Parties This Week**

Dancing for enlisted men will be the vogue for Friday night, October 30, from 8:00 to 11:00 o'clock at the Letterman Club, when the enlisted men's dances, discontinued at the outbreak of the war, will again become a regular monthly highlight.

Seventy-five young ladies will be on hand as partners for men of the command without escorts. And men who wish to bring their own partners are invited to do so. Music will be furnished by the 153rd Inantry Dance Band.

Staff Sergeant Thomas R. Bell, Sergeants Malcolm Foster and Merle C. West and Corporal Ralph M. Mason will form the committee and will be assisted by Mrs. Calvin D. Williams, hostess.

MOVING PICTURES

October 24 and 25:

MY FAVORITE SPY-Kay Kyser and Ellen Drew and Jane Wyman. Also short subjects.

October 27 and 28:

DESPERATE JOURNEY - Errol Flynn, Ronald Reagan and Nancy Coleman. Also short subjects.

October 29 and 30:

GREAT MAN'S LADY-Barbara Stanwyck and Brian Donlevey. Short subjects.

Mother-"Do you know what happens to little girls who tell lies?"

Betty-"Yes. They grow up and He is a bachelor, likes books, and tell their little girls they'll have

-Pathfinder.

New Staff Is Organized at Fort Mason Port

A new general staff has been organized at the headquarters of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Fort Mason, commanded by Major General Frederick Gilbreath.

Colonel Otto R. Stillinger, cavalry, is duty port commander, and Colonel Eugene C. Johnston is the new chief of staff. Directors of the seven new general staff divisions are:

Administrative, Colonel Leon E. Savage; personnel, Colonel Stuart A. Howard; intelligence and public relations, Colonel Casey Hayes; operations, Colonel Phillip W. Booker; training, Colonel Carl F. McKinney; planning, Colonel Henry C. R. Akin, and transportation, Major C. Lyn Fox.

Colonel Malcolm Douglas heads the new control division, with Colonel Ralph H. Hess, statistical branch chief, Colonel Peter J. Lloyd is port inspector general.



To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Allan H. Newburg, 4th Ferry Command, AAF, a son, Thomas Kellogg Newburg, born October 14, weight seven pounds, nine and one-half ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Harold F. Wetzel, "H" 216th CA, a son, Michael Bernard Wetzel, born October 16, weight seven pounds, thirteen ounces.

To Major and Mrs. James Weaver, AAF, a daughter, Mary Lee Weaver, born October 19, weight six pounds, three ounces.

To Colonel and Mrs. John Hadley Fonvielle, Sr., CA, a son, John Hadley Fonvielle, Jr., born October 19, weight eight pounds, ten ounces.

She—"I'm hungry." He—"What?"

She_"I said I'm hungry."

He—"Sure I'll take you home. This car makes so much noise I thought at first you said you were hungry."



QUICK! Without looking at the chevrons which one is the top kick?

THE WAR FRONT

Secretary Stimson announced that ground units of the Army are now aiding the Marines in the defense of Guadalcanal in the Solomons, the Army air and ground troops are now stationed in New Zealand, New Caledonia, the New Hebrides and Fiji Islands. "The Japanese are continuing to bomb our airfield and shore positions on Guadalcanal Island and it is believed that enemy troops and equipment are being disposed for a strong assault against our airfield." the Navy reported October 18. During the early morning of October 17 about 14 enemy bombers, escorted by 8 fighters, attacked the Guadalcanal airfield and shore positions, the communique said, but U. S. fighters and antiaircraft batteries shot down all the bombers and two of the fighters. These latest raids brought the toll of Japanese aircraft since the Solomons fighting began last August to 307, for all types destroyed.

"Although large numbers of Japanese troops are known to be on Guadalcanal Island, there has been, as yet, no full scale land fighting," the Navy said. "Our losses in the current fighting, to date, (October 18) have been minor, but in a battle of this nature losses must be expected. . . . All information on the fighting in the Solomons which is not of value to the enemy is being announced as soon as possible after being received." Gen. MacArthur's headquarters reported October 19 that allied bombers, attacking Japanese shipping concentrations off Buin in the northern Solomons -Pelican. scored probable hits on three enemy

Rooms Available in San Francisco and How To Find Them

San Francisco established a precedent recently when a group of 22 leading hotels united to form the San Francisco Hotel Emergency Housing Bureau.

With the primary thought in mind of providing for the welfare of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Corps, Coast Guard, and officers' families, this organization arranged a net minimum rate schedule for the members of the armed services, so that they would know, in advance, the rates established in these various hostelries with extra provisions for special group rates. A definite number of rooms are reserved daily so that the services will be assured of accommodations upon arrival.

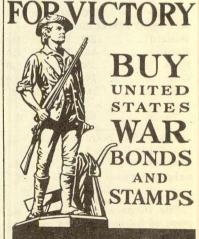
The new rate schedule is now in use at all corps and division head-quarters in the Western Defense Area and is displayed in the Presidio of San Francisco and Fort Mason. The San Francisco Hotel Emergency Housing Bureau is located at 50 Post Street, in San Francisco, to which one should write for special rate folder and reservation. For officers coming into San Francisco without prior reservation, the Bureau operates on a 24-hour telephone service, SUtter 6867.

cruisers, a large seaplane tender, seven flying boats and several cargo vessels. In the Aleutians, U. S. ground forces took a third island in the Andreanof group, and Army medium bombers bombed two more enemy destroyers near Kiska.

A Word to the Wise On the Solomons

The reason the Solomon Islands are so called is that the first white man to explore them was an awful blowhard named Alvaro de Mendano de Neyra, who led an expedition of two ships that sailed in 1567 from Peru, where his uncle was viceroy. He came back with the announcement that he had found the site of King Solomon's gold mines. He hadn't seen a single nugget, but as it happened there WAS gold in the Solomons; it has been discovered just lately, though not in commercially practical quantities. Guadalcanal was named by another member of this expedition, after his home in Spain. The Viceroy's nephew led a colonizing party that set out for the Solomons 20 years after he had first explored them, but he never reached them and died on another island. Thereafter, the Solomon Islands, what with the vagaries of exploration, were untouched by the white man for 200 years. Then, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, French and English "blackbirders" arrived, searching for talent to send to the new sugar plantations being opened up in Australia. Many of the natives living on Guadalcanal today are repatriated blackbirds. In general, the natives took to the plantation life so well that until the war interfered it was the custom for young men to hire out for four or five years as plantation hands on distant islands. In addition to 14,000 natives, the last census of the island showed 6,000 head of cattle, 134 horses, 195 goats, and 11 mules. Who and what's there now is anybody's guess.

-Taken from New Yorker



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Western Defense Commander Urges Utmost Vigilance

Constant and unrelaxed vigilance against possible sabotage attempts in the Western Theater of Operations was ordered this week by Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

General DeWitt called attention to the likelihood of enemy operations against this coast through attempted landings of saboteurs of fifth column activities.

"We cannot be too vigilant or tireless in our efforts to detect the landing of enemy agents on the PACIF-IC COAST," General DeWitt declared, "Our enemies know of the extensive coast line of the states of Oregon, Washington and California. It is entirely probable that they will attempt to land saboteurs somewhere along this coast line, possibly, although not necessarily, at some sparsely populated point. As the war progresses and our production of war materials increases, our enemies are certain to increase their attempts at sabotage. For that reason it is necessary that our citizens, especially those living in rural areas directly on the water front, be on guard at all times and report the presence of persons under suspicion without delay."

Few restrictions have been placed on the use of beaches by civilians in order to allow the greatest amount of recreation possible. Civilians who utilize the beaches for pleasure, as well as business establishments of all character that are located on the beaches, should consider themselves and their establishments as volunteer watchers and reporters of any suspicious persons or incidents.

General DeWitt urged civilians to report to the nearest Army Headquarters, immediately, the presence



Major FRANK R. DAY, M. A. C.
Is receiving congratulations on his recent promotion to field grade.

Ossining, N. Y.—Grasslands Hospital has collected 900 pints of blood plasma in its campaign for 1,500 pints. Nearly 300 of those collected came from donors among the inmates at Sing Sing prison.

of any such persons or incidents, adding, "Time is an important element. Delay in reporting suspicious persons or incidents may so handicap military authorities as to prevent interception of enemy agents before they have reached the comparative safety of the interior."

New Chaplain Will Report for Duty At This Hospital

Orders have been received here announcing the assignment of Chaplain Luther Suiter to this station. He will report here on completion of the current course at the Chaplains' School at Harvard University. It is expected he will arrive here about November 15th.

Serve in Silence

Promotion to Rank Of Major Comes to Post Adjutant

In the morning mail one day this week came the official order announcing the promotion of the Post Adjutant, Captain Frank R. Day, to the grade of Major in the Medical Administrative Corps.

No ceremony marked the pinning on of the golden leaves and no oath of office had to be taken to the accompanying flash of the photographer's bulbs. The latest regulations dispense with everything except the written acceptance or acknowledgment of receipt of the orders.

Major Day entered the regular army by way of the enlisted ranks sixteen years ago when he took the first oath at Fort MacArthur. As a recruit he went to Fort McDowell and later to the Paradise of the Pacific where he was stationed at Schofield Barracks.

The new major was appointed second lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, on January 1, 1931, promoted to first lieutenant January 14, 1936, and became a temporary Captain on September 9, 1940. His service record gives evidence that he really settles down at his stations with tours of four years in the Hawaiian Department, five and a half years at Fort Riley, two years at Carlisle Barracks, and he has been at Letterman since June of 1939.

His duty at this station has given him more experience in several departments and from his desk as the Post Adjutant he is able to be of real assistance to all sections by reason of his broad knowledge of the intricacies of hospital administration.

Please omit flowers.

San Francisco—Scrap metal is pouring in during the nation-wide drive. Police here have added 1355 slot and pin-ball machines.

PROMOTIONS MOVE LETTERMAN OFFICERS TO HIGHER RANK

been verified in the promotion last week of Lieut. Louis F. Arnone to the rank of Captain in the Medical Administrative Corps.

Some of his confreres might have held the notion that he was not



Capt. LOUIS F. ARNONE M. A. C. Letterman loses a Lieutenant but gains a Captain.

overly interested in promotion and merely took a casual attitude toward the climb to the high grade but the consensus of opinion is that he never relaxed in the performance of his duties even when the mailman failed to deliver that letter he kept an open eye for. The new method of announcing promotions is to send the individual officer the good news by mail instead of via the radio.

Captain Arnone was born in Pueblo, Colorado, where he went through the local high school and later moved to Los Angeles where he attended the Henry & Coleman School of Pharmacy. He had further studies in the Osteopathic School of Physicians and Surgeons at Los Angeles and became a Registered Pharmacist in 1927.

The Captain was first commissioned in the Medical Administrative Corps - Reserve in the grade of second lieutenant in 1935 and was promoted to first lieutenant in July, 1940. Ordered to extended active duty in August, 1940, he was assigned to this hospital and served September 1934. They have one as assistant to the Medical Supply daughter, Luana, three years old. Officer for a short time. He was

coming to him who waits-if he ficer and in that capacity he spent Shenandoah, Iowa, moved at an sity. waits long enough—seemed to have the next two years in expanding the early age to Minnesota where he business in all departments. His preexperience in business for himself High School in the town of the same in Los Angeles and Monterey gave name. He made his college course at him a valuable knowledge of the the University of Minnesota and problems of merchandising and graduated from the Dentistry School served him well as Post Exchange Officer.

> Captain Arnone is married to the former Rose Mary Crosier, of Detroit, and they have a family of four children; two boys and two girls.

> His present assignment is Training Officer for the Medical Detachment.

> Captain Rex P. Clayton was born at Paris, Idaho, completed high school in his home town and made his college course at the University of Idaho where he took his degree of Bachelor of Science and later the degree of graduate in Pharmacy.

Captain Clayton was commissioned 2nd Lieut. Medical Administrative Corps in January, 1939, ordered to active duty in September, 1940, was promoted to first lieutenant Febru-



REX P. CLAYTON Captain, M. A. C.

ary, 1941 and to the grade of captain on October, 1942. Letterman Hospital has been his only station.

Prior to coming to active duty Captain Clayton was Professor of Pharmacy at the University of Idaho, South Branch, located at Pocatello.

Captain Clayton was married to Miss Nancy Fleck of Boise, Idaho, in

Another one of our new captains

was graduated from the Alexandria



LLOYD G. WELTY Captain, Dental Corps

of that university with a degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.

Captain Welty was commissioned in the Dental Reserve Corps in 1935 and reported for extended active duty at Letterman General Hospital on March 22, 1942. His promotion to the grade of captain takes effect from October 10 of this year.

Prior to reporting for active duty, Captain Welty was assistant professor of Operative Dentistry at the University of California and director of Student Health Service on the

To All Patients

The Commanding General desires to bring the following notice to the attention of all concerned:

The Hush-a-tone which enables you to listen to hospital broadcasts is a very valuable asset to the morale of this command. If rendered unfit for use by carelessness or deliberate misuse, it cannot be replaced. If you enjoy the radio broadcast remember that those who will later be patients will also enjoy it if you are careful with your Hush-a-tone. It is worth more than its weight in gold.

That old adage about everything | next designated Post Exchange Of- is Lloyd G. Welty, who was born in | San Francisco campus of the univer-

Captain Welty was married to Amy Wickland of Parkers Prairie. Minnesota, in 1929. They have one child, Karin Jane.

The promotion has been announced of 2nd Lieut. Almira Lanfear to Chief Nurse, Army Nurse Corps Reserve, with rank of First Lieutenant.

Miss Lanfear was born in Oakland. California, later moved to Santa Cruz, where she completed high school. She took her professional training at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco where she remained after graduation for eight years in the capacity of supervisor. For two



ALMIRA LANFEAR Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) A. N. C.

years following that she was secretary and assistant to Dr. Leo Eloesser, the internationally known diagnostician and surgeon.

Lieut. Lanfear reported for active duty in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve on January 3, 1942, and has been stationed at Letterman Hospital since that time.

Scrap Metal Bonanza Found on Firing Range

Ft. Knox, Ky. - Soon the Army will need a Mining Replacement Training Center if "bonanzas" in scrap metal turn up at other posts like one found here. Experimental digging on the rifle range showed the earth to "assay" 70 pounds of metal per cubic foot as a result of fired ammunition.

LETTERMAN ADDS SOME ASSETS TO THE NURSING STAFF

Miss Regina Burnett was born in Centerville, South Dakota, attended the Centerville High School, and took her professional training at the Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. Upon graduating in 1936, she continued there as a surgical nurse for a year, and then came to California, where she became affiliated with the Southern Pacific as a stewardess between San Francisco and Chicago. In January she took a long vacation, and then spent a short period of time as an air stewardess, at which time she decided to "get into the Army." She first worked at the Medical Depot at the Presidio, signed up to enter the Army Nurse Corps and was sworn in at Letterman Hospital on October 25. She likes to travel, ride horseback, ice skate, and collects foreign coins as a hobby.

Miss Melga O. Sormula arrived in this world at Perth, North Dakota, attended Rolla High School in North Dakota, and took her training at the Trinity Hospital in Minot, North Dakota, graduating in 1931. She became pediatric supervisor at Trinity, and then came west to Seattle, Washington to attend the University of Washington for a course in supervisory administration. After working for a period at the Chidlrens' Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle, she went back east and worked in Norwich, Connecticut, for nine months before going abroad for a summer to visit the Scandinavian countries - four years before war was declared. She returned to Seattle and the Children's Orthopedic Hospital, spending some time at the University of Washington working toward her Bachelor of Science degree. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps on October 24, and stationed at Letterman Hospital. She enjoys traveling and has toured the United States and Canada quite extensively in addition to her trip abroad. She plays golf in her leisure time, and as a hobby collects sterling silver souvenir coffee and teaspoons.

Miss Blanche Snyder was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, went to Reliance High School in Wyoming, and graduated from the Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1934. She then came to California and has been doing gen-



LIEUT. REGINA BURNETT as she appeared in the days when she was working on the railroad.

land and Oakland Hospitals and the Sutter Hospital in Sacramento, until she was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps on October 25. Coming from the warm inland city of Sacramento it is only natural that Miss. Snyder should prefer swimming, bowling and trips to Tahoe and Yosemite as forms of recreation.

Miss Lorene Swetnam claims Non. Oklahoma, as her birthplace, attended high school in Vernal, Utah, and went to the Junior College in Jacksonville, Texas. She took her nurses' training at the Parkland City-County Hospital in Dallas, Texas, graduating in 1940. For the past two years she has been doing general duty at hospitals in New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps on October 24, at her first station, Letterman Hospital. In spite of the fact that she has lived in seven southwestern states, Miss Swetnam claims she doesn't like traveling and moving, but was lured to each state by the chance at better jobs.

Miss Jane Taylor spent the early part of her life in the city of Toledo, Ohio. She was born there, attended

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the New York Hospital for eight fers strictly outdoor forms of recreamonths. In February of this year she tion and is a veteran deer and bear came to Arlington, California, where she did general duty, but returned to Ohio in June. However, upon her appointment to the Army Nurse Corps she was stationed at Letterman General Hospital, and returned to California to be sworn in on October 20. . . .

Miss Jean C. Lane was born in Wakpala, South Dakota, attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas, and attended McKennon School of Nursing in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, graduating in 1939. After a short period of general duty and private duty nursing, Miss Lane went to the Pima Indian Hospital at Sacaton, Arizona, where she did general duty nursing until October 17, 1942, on which date she was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps. Her two hobbies involve a number of fancy stitches and fancy steps, as she spends her "off duty" time knitting sweaters and collecting swing records.

Miss Helen R. Waldock was born in Silver Lake, Minnesota, attended Foley Minnesota High School and took her professional training at the St. Cloud Hospital in the same state. After graduating in 1934 she spent one year at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, before coming out to Marysville, California, where she has been on duty for the past six years at the Rideout Memorial Hospital. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps and sworn in on October 26 at her first station, Letterman Hospital. During her leisure time Miss Waldock enjoys reading, movies and dancing. It was also learned that her hobby is no moreshe collected thousands of every different kind of safety pins but turned them in on the scrap metal drive.

Miss Marion L. Locke was born in Sultana, California, attended the Dinuba Union High School and took her professional training at the Methodist Hospital of Southern California, an affiliate of the University of Southern California. Since the Scott High School, attended the her graduation in 1928 she has been Toledo University for two years and associated with the Sample Sanitook her nurses training at St. Vin- tarium in Fresno. the Tulare County cent's Hospital. She did psychiatric General Hospital where she did floor nursing at the Hartford Retreat, supervising, private and office nurseral duty nursing at the East Oak- Hartford, Connecticut for six months, ing, and was Assistant Supervisor of

and at the White Plains Branch of the Alta District Hospital. She prehunter. She also enjoys fishing, swimming and horseback riding. The indoor hobby which she finds interesting is photograph tinting.



MANDA E. ZUBER Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) A. N. C.

Manda Eliza Zuber, was born in Conroy, Iowa, and took her professional training at the University of Iowa hospital where she remained on the staff for two years following her graduation.

Coming to California - like so many from her native state - she spent two years at the University of California hospital before joining the Army Nurse Corps in July, 1941.

Her promotion to Chief Nurse dates from October 1, 1942.

NURSES? CURSES!

SING us a song of pain and penance-

Army nurses are all lieutenants.

Whether they're blondes, brunettes, or titians,

The hell of it is: They have commissions.

And privates, creatures of low degree.

Can Dream, but never hope to be More to the nurses, that win their hearts.

Than pulses, temperatures and charts

-Fort Banks Digest

Serve in Silence

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

BUY BONDS

The campaign to encourage the purchase of War Bonds by the civilian employees of the War Department has been under way for two weeks and the response, while not all we would wish, has been fairly satisfactory.

The Secretary of War has expressed the desire that ninety per cent of our civilian employees invest ten per cent of their salaries in War Bonds and make payment through pay roll deductions each and every pay day. Many of our employees have responded loyally as an indication of their willingness to cooperate in achieving that goal.

A weekly report is submitted showing the number of those who are buying bonds and the percentage of the total pay being alloted for that purpose. A poll of the entire roster of our employees discloses many who report buying bonds at regular intervals elsewhere. Their purchases, while deserving of high praise, do not help us achieve the set goal.

A proper appreciation of what might be called "team spirit" should prompt all of our employees to purchase their bonds through local office. It would bring our totals to something approaching more closely to the degree of actual participation of our staff in the War Bond campaign and in the face of such figures we may demonstrate that the civilian personnel of Letterman are loyal.

This week we make a special appeal to those who are buying bonds "elsewhere" to buy them here and help us all to be proud | Bonds.



A very nice box of flowers, en route to the patients on Ward "G," the gift of Mrs. Alma Spreckels Awl. * * *

the beard he brought back from Port Waldoch, Lorene Swetnam, Jean C. Darwin.

Too many women in the P. X. grill -officers' section-at noon time. The latest pair of visiting females parked the gloves as a reservation sign on chairs and then went out to-well, something or other.

The new insignia of rank on the uniforms of some of our officers will do a lot to relieve the tension around these parts.

Private Walter Koch, a very sick ombre one early morning not long ago, now looking for a furlough.

Corp. James G. Gust, the voice with the smile in the Information Office, polishing up for his appearance before the Officer Candidate Board.

That mustache adorning (?) the upper lip of Tech. Sgt. Lester, the paymaster's deputy, oh, when will it take shape?

Sgt. George A. Pippy, after his long confinement to a sick bed, out for a look-see along the corridor.

The Stork Was Here

To 2nd Lieut, and Mrs. Donald J. Wickland, CA, a daughter, Donna Joan Wickland, born October 24, weight nine pounds, seven ounces. . . .

To Sgt. and Mrs. Harry E. Koch, "L" 6th CA, Ft. Barry, California, a son, Barry Koch, born October 26, weight seven pounds, thirteen ounc-

First Recruit-"I feel like punching the sergeant major in the nose

Second Recruit-"Again?" First Recruit-"Yes. I felt like it yesterday."

of our ninety per cent, or better, who are investing at least ten per cent of our pay in War



We welcome the following additions to the staff and hope they will enjoy a pleasant tour of duty:

Regina A. Burnett, Blanche V. Private Luther McGilton without Snyder, Melga O. Sormula, Helen R. Lane, Marion L. Locke, and Jane C.

> We bid au revoir to-Miss Anna P. Hart, Chief Nurse, who goes to Fort Lawton; Miss Anna B. Jones and Miss Mary C. McHugh who go Fort Ord, and to Misses Crystal E. Lind, Mary F. McKenna, Alberta L. Brittain, Helen E. Colleson, Helen J. Cushing, Eunice Z. Thorpe, Hazel E. Berg, Anna C. Harmon, Nona E. Fullbright, and Joreen Larson who go south.

> A visitor during the past week was Miss Kathryn L. Ruhan, Captain and Assistant Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps, who is the principal Chief Nurse at Torney General Hos-

Miss Margaret McWeeny left the hospital on sick leave to convalesce from her recent operation.

Oh, wedding bells-but then we have not heard any lately.

Miss Ann B. Bakalar resumed her avocation as a professional bridesmaid when she lent her aid to a young couple take the well known matrimonial hurdle last week. No, the bride was not a nurse.

Alterations To Be Finished in Post Chapel This Week

The alterations to the chancel of the post chapel and the installation of a new altar and equipment, which has been under way for the past two weeks, is expected to be completed for winners. in time to be used on Sunday next.

The Commanding General has been generous in his support of the plan to make the chapel the most attractive place of worship in this sector and the congregations using the chapel are indebted to General Weed for the personal interest he has taken in the improvements.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In the Post Chapel:

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, November 1, 1942

Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

All Service Tots Invited to Big Hallowe'en Sina

Ghosts will walk While witches thumb rides Goblins will talk-And more horrors besides

At the Annual Children's Hallowe'en Party to be held at the Post Gymnasium—the hangar at the west of Crissy Field-on Saturday evening, October 31, at 6:00 o'clock. All children, regardless of age, are invited, and parents and adults should come to see the fun and help make the evening an enjoyable one. Included in the party invitation are children of the Presidio, Fort Scott, Fort Mason, Letterman General Hospital and children of the military personnel residing in the vicinity of the Post. All children should come costumed if possible, but on no account should they stay away if they cannot dress up.

The party begins at 6:00, and the Grand March will start at 6:15 with five prizes of one dollar each in War Stamps to be awarded for the most appropriate costume, most original costume, most comical costume, and the cutest little girl and the cutest little boy. The last two chosen will be made King and Queen of the party.

Games of all sorts will be played, with grab bags, Tug-O'-War, bowling alleys, darts, "Spill the Milk," fortune telling booths, chamber of horrors, and contest booths with prizes

The 4th Army Band will perform and a Hill Billy Band will shake the rafters. The refreshment booth will serve pop, candy, cookies, apples, and at the close of the evening, from 8:30 to 9:15 p. m. moving pictures will be shown.

Remember, all children are invited. The more the merrier!

ON THE SPOT



WILLIAM B. NIBLEY Corporal, Army Air Force

Affable and generous is the twoword description for Corporal William B. Nibley, now recuperating in this hospital on Ward M-2. In spite of his illness, Cpl. Nibley has maintained one of the most even and good natured dispositions seen around the hospital, and his generosity was evidenced when he plied the reporter with more than a few delicious home-made cookies.

Bruce comes from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was born July 13, 1916. He attended the public schools there and graduated from the University of Utah in 1938, having majored in geology and business.

Cpl. Nibley found himself in Alaska at Fort Richardson employed as a surveyor at that base when war was declared in December of 1941. He had been in Alaska since June. 1941, having given up a position with an insurance company in the states to work in Uncle Sam's Engineering Department. Two days after war was declared Bruce transferred to another of Uncle Sam's departments -this time the Army. And he thus became Private Wm. B. Nibley, Air Corps.

Bruce was assigned to a Crash Boat Unit of the Air Force. These boats being employed along the coast to rescue the crews and salvage planes which have been shot down or forced into the sea. It is exciting and interesting work at all times. The keen interest he has for almost anything earned Nibley a trip to San Francisco to take a course in Celestial Navigation. Coming through Washington en route to Treasure Island, Bruce saw his first cow in over fifteen months.

Cpl. Nibley is very anxious to return to his outfit. In fact, he is very enthusiastic about anything connected with Alaska. Hunting and fishing? A paradise, even though restricted at present. And the inhab-

ARMY COMPLETES JOB OF MOVING JAPANESE TO SAFETY ZONES

Transfer of persons of Japanese ancestry from strategic military areas on the West Coast will be completed by November 1, Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, has announced.

With the departure this week of the remaining evacuees in Santa Anita and Fresno Assembly Centers, the last of the Japanese will have Centers.

They become the responsibility and care of War Relocation Authority, a civilian organization, established by Presidential Executive Order No. 9106, March 18, 1942.

The eighteen Assembly Centers set up last March, will have fulfilled their purpose.

The Army will have discharged its obligation.

That obligation, according to Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, G.S.C., Assistant Chief of Staff, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, in charge of evacuation operations, was assumed when General DeWitt determined as a matter of military necessity that the defense of the West Coast required the removal of all persons of Japanese ancestry.

Within a period of eight months, the Army Completed the job.

The first phase, that of gathering the evacuees into Assembly Centers was completed June 5.

Of that operation it was said that it was completed within the designated time without mischance, with minimum hardship and almost without incident.

With equal brevity and assurance, been moved inland to Relocation it can now be said that the transference to relocation centers has been been effected without incident, on time and with a proper regard for the comfort of the persons moved.

> In all, 110,599 persons of Japanese ancestry were affected. The history making character of the movement has absorbed public attention to a degree exceeded only by actual operations on land and sea and air. Working with smooth efficiency, attained through months of experience with the problem, the Army transferred these thousands as if they had been so many tourists.

No attempt is made here to assay the full range of its significance. Certainly it is an achievement without parallel in the Nation's history. Never before had military necessity dictated such a program.

Pvt. JOHN E. PERKINS



BUCK OF THE WEEK

Private John E. Perkins, now a clerk in the Hospital Police and Personnel Office, claims he hails from the small border town of Brownsville, Texas, situated on the Rio Grande River. One doesn't doubt this after hearing John give out with his pure native Texas drawl.

He was born in the above town just twenty-one years ago last July 27, living there until the latter part of 1939. It was then, after completing a commercial course at the Raymondville High School in Brownsville that he moved to the state of California.

He came to the "Poppy State" mainly to accept a civil service position in the Mare Island Navy Yards, and to live with his older brother in the city of Napa, California. And he remained at the Navy Yards until he was drafted, August 15, and sent to the Reception Center. Monterey, California. Within five days he was headed for Letterman Hospital and was assigned immediately to the Police and Personnel Office as aforementioned.

Horseback riding is his main diversion, and having spent every summer for the last ten or more years on his uncle's ranch in West Texas, he has come to feel at home aboard most any equine, no matter how spirited.

It is interesting to note that sixty per cent of the population of Brownsville is of the Mexican race,

When asked of his future plans, John expressed the desire to some day go back to Texas and buy a half interest in his brother's cattle ranch, located in the fertile Rio Grande Valley. A bachelor, Pvt. Perkins has decided that when the time does come to "tie that knot" there will be security and a future in ranching to offer some woman when the war is .. 782 773 933 2488 over.

KEGLERS CONTINUE THEIR WINNING STREAK, 'STRUE, BELIEVE IT OR NOT

The Letterman Bowling team won + two games out of three for the second week in a row at the Broadway-Van Ness alleys when they played the regular Friday night series with the Reichlin Service Stations as their opponents. Both games were very one-sided with a lead of seventy pins for the first game and one hundred and sixteen pins for the second game, the last game going to Reichlins with a score of 933 to 876.

Sgt. Kuntz had high individual game with a 213 count. Sgt. Mottier had the only perfect game, without a single miss in the first game, with a 193 total. Del Delucchi (brother of Miss Bernice Delucchi of the Unit Personnel office), was high bowler for the losing team with a 594 triple. Del is a left-handed bowler and really throws a nice game.

Corporal Marano was high bowler for the Letterman team with a 533

itants of the country are noted for their hospitality.

triple, with Sgts. Kuntz and Yohe tied for second with a 530. Sgt. Mottier was third with a 524, and trailing was Sgt. Wilcox with a 511. For the first time since the team entered the 875 House League every man had over 500.

Following are the scores for the October 24 series.

LETTERMAN HO	SPI	TAL			
Kuntz	158	213	159	530	
Yohe	180	183	167	530	
Marano	147	192	194	533	
Wilcox	176	148	187	511	
Mottier	193	162	169	524	
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Totals	854	898	876	2628	
REICHLINS SER	VICE			Errit.	
Farrone	141	146	172	459	
Reichlin	149	106	192	437	
Sands	130	142	154	426	

Eisenzopf 169 175 208

Delucchi 193 194 207

Totals

552

594

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for: Torcom K. Bedayan, appointed Corporal, Ernest Punaro, Edward A. Chilgren, Domingo Diaz and Kalmon Y. Waxman, appointed Technicians Fifth Grade.

A welcome is extended Privates Alvin T. Tabby and Albert V. Glenn who joined this station during the week,

BEST OF LUCK TO: S/Sgt. Kenneth C. Robbins; T/Sgt. 4th Gr. Wm. Couch and David C. Tanner, Jr.; T/5th Gr. Vincent Pasquariello and Byron P. Scism; Pfc's Raymond C. Alexander, John J. Carr, Francis C. Monahan, Frank Murphy, Jr., Richard E. Rosenberg and Euclid E. Wilkinson and Pvts. Harold H. Blasdell, Theodore E. Dexter, William B. Gambrill and Joseph W. Stubblefield who left this station during the week.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Private John Maddison borrowing \$2.00 from Private Milton D. Carlson to take Carlson's girl out during Carlson's night on the post.

Private Oren Watts spending a great deal of his free time at Belvedere.

1st Sgt. Calvin D. Williams wondering how he can stretch one cup of coffee to cover his 6 to 10 cups a day quota.

M/Sgt. Frank S. O'Brien and his rank of Chief Nurse. Sgt. Dorton true loves. It would seem the Sgt. has been a long-time patient on the found two love birds in a patient's ward and experience has taught him barracks bag—and they were much how to get the news, based on rumor alive.

The sudden popularity of the 201 file room since Miss Virginia Hall was added to the staff. The line forms to the left and all applicants to the room must first register with Cpl. Marion D. Jones.

Cpl. Ralph M. Mason and his fur trap line up over Lyon Hill—a real business man—Seems he has gotten enough fur to make a woman's fur chubby.

Sgt. Ross Morey and Cpl. Marion D. Jones pulling the wool over a certain captain's eyes—or were they? Captain's name? Well, his initials are F. R. Day.

Serve in Silence

SURGICAL SIDE SAD AND HAPPY OVER MISS BELCHER'S SILVER BAR



Miss JAYNIE E. BELCHER Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) A. N. C.

"Hey, gang, guess what? We're going to lose Aunt Jaynie" was the announcement by Sgt. John F. Dorton which broke the news to the patients on Ward D-1 that Miss Jaynie P. Belcher had been promoted to the rank of Chief Nurse. Sgt. Dorton has been a long-time patient on the ward and experience has taught him how to get the news, based on rumor or fact, long before the newer patients.

The news about their beloved charge nurse was received with mingled feelings. She is to them the best nurse in the hospital and worthy of any honors accorded her; for that they rejoice. But a step up in rank will take away "Aunt Jaynie" to other and broader fields of duty—and for that they grieve.

Miss Belcher is a native of Virginia, a fact evident by her soft speech, and took her professional training at the Memorial General Hospital at Danville, Va. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps in 1929 and her first station was at ginian.

Walter Reed General Hospital where she served two years before being assigned to the Hawaiian Department where the next three years were spent at Schofield Barracks. On completion of that tour of foreign service Miss Belcher was sent to Fitzsimons General Hospital, at Denver, Colo., where she remained for four years. Her next station was Fort Warren and after eighteen months orders came for a move to Monterey, Calif., from where it was only a hop and a skip without the usual jump to Letterman.

Miss Belcher has been at Letterman since May, 1940, and all of her service has been on the surgical side of the hospital. Her hobby is saving pennies and every copper coin coming to her hands is turned over two or three times, at least, before it goes back into circulation. It might be minted in a year not represented in her collection.

No, she is not Scotch—just a Virginian

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

The Medical Department is richer to the amount of 110 new Technicians, graduated from the various schools. Work and study has paid off dividends to the greater majority of these graduates in high grades and promise of promotions in the near future. Some having received their ratings of Private First Class and T/5th Grade even before graduation. We sincerely hope they do not rest on their laurels but continue to work toward a higher goal.

S/Sgt Nathan Edlestein was admitted to the hospital for surgery last Monday. Hurry back to school "Nate," we miss your ready smile and good nature these days.

Much surprised to receive a call for a "Captain Ed." The captain being unknown, we discovered a slight discrepency. How bout it "Corporal Ed?" Has the young lady mistaken two stripes for two bars?

S/Sgt Wilber K. Selvey claims his "Feeding the Birds" is only for the purpose of fattening them for the "Kill." This should be fair warning for the "Birds" to take flight.

T/4 Verner A. Wertsch and Cpl. Thomas B. Winborne, will report next week to begin training as air cadets. Come back and see us when you get your wings so we can salute those bars you will have earned—the hard way. Good luck and happy landings.

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

T/4 Francis Rowlands barging into the Sergeant Majors' office, inquiring for room "106."

Miss Belcher has been at Letterban since May, 1940, and all of her that same "office."

The dazed appearance of S/Sgt.
Bob Ransom when he finally located that same "office."

The sincere grins of pleasure, of his fellow officers, upon hearing of the promotion to captain, of 1st Lt. W. G. Gilbert.

"That worker seems frantic.
What's the matter?"

"Oh, the poor fellow is deaf and dumb and he just hit his thumb with a hammer and can't find a pad and pencil."

PRISONERS OF WAR

Secretary of War Stimson told his press conference that names of four captured U.S. fliers claimed in Tokvo propaganda broadcasts correspond closely to the names of four missing men, but stated the War Department had no information that the Japanese were failing to abide by international law and the Geneva convention for the treatment of prisoners. Mr. Stimson said "some of the planes" in the raid on Tokyo "encountered bad weather after they had left Japan and were forced off their course. One landed in Siberia Several others made forced landings at night in China, "but no American plane was shot down." He said "a very few of the crews of these planes are carried on the list of the missing. Some may have been forced down by the lack of gasoline in Japanesecontrolled territory." Later the War Department announced the names of three other participants in the Tokyo raid "understood to be missing."

The Office of War Information said "secrecy was highly desirable in the hope of saving the lives and securing the freedom of certain crew members who crash landed in areas controlled by the enemy." Complete examination of the reasons for maintaining secrecy about the results of the raid cannot be made even yet, the OWI stated. Lives "of great value to the American cause" would be endangered by "the very explanation," the announcement

RATIONING

Price Administrator Henderson ordered nationwide rationing of coffee, effective at midnight on November 28, on the basis of one pound each five weeks-about a cup a day-for all persons who were 15 years of age or older when they registered for sugar supplies on May 4-5. All retail sales of coffee will be frozen at midnight, November 21, for the week before rationing begins in order to permit merchants to stock their shelves. Consumers will not have to register to obtain coffee. They will use their sugar rationing book. To get the first coffee ration, the consumer will be required to surrender the last stamp-No. 28-in the sugar book. Subsequent rations of coffee will be on coupons taken in sequence toward the center of the book.

Serve in Silence

RED CROSS TRAINEES REPORT FOR INSTRUCTIONS IN THE LGH MANNER





Mrs. GERTRUDE B. DENISON Miss CATHERINE HAGGERTY

Cross at this hospital is interpreted as a compliment to the quality of the work done here by the regulars of the staff supervising the medical social service workers. The only objections to this practice is that we get to know the new workers, appreciate their contribution to the welfare and contentment of this command, and then they are whisked away to other stations. Our latest arrivals are:

Mrs. Gertrude B. Denison was born in Isleton, California, went to high school at Rio Vista, and upon deciding to devote her future to social work attended the University of California, taking her degree in social economics. Upon graduating she joined the Oakland Health Center and was a medical social worker there. Later she spent five months in the newly organized Children's Guidance Clinic in Oakland, which was under the guidance of the Oakland Health Department.

In 1925 she returned to her home town and was appointed to the local post office, keeping the title of Postmistress for nine years. In 1939 she became interested in club work and devoted her time to the Parents Teachers Association, Rio Vista Federation of Women's Clubs, Red Cross and Tuberculosis Association, During this period of club work she pursued her interest in social welfare work in helping Solano County reorganize their Public Health Department.

At this time she decided to return again at the University of Califor- able view from the mountain top.

The assignment of two more train- nia and completed the two requisite ees to the staff of the American Red years' training. In 1941 she went to work at the Highland Hospital for the Alameda County Institutes Commission, and after six months transferred to the Oakland Clinic. The first period of her work there was training to be a public welfare worker, and the second part was spent in the Children's Hospital in the East Bay under Miss Louise Mc-Kee. Recently she became affiliated with the Red Cross and was added to the Letterman Hospital staff.

> Mrs. Denison makes her home in Berkeley with her three children. George, 14, Marilyn, 13, and Robert, 9. Her interests outside of her job and family include a wide circle of congenial friends, bridge, traveling, and driving her car, although at the present the last is becoming something of a problem.

Miss Catherine Haggerty is a native of San Francisco, attended St. Peter's Academy, graduated from the University of California in 1940 and took two graduate years at the University of Southern California in heard sooner. He'd got balled up in Los Angeles, specializing in medical social work. She recently returned from Washington, D. C., where she took a ten-day lecture course in Red Cross Orientation, spent a few weeks at San Luis Obispo completing this course, and then was assigned to Letterman Hospital.

She enjoys bowling, although she won't tell what her scores are, likes to travel, trout fish and hike. She has hiked to the top of Mt. Tamalpais several times in the past but still remembers sore muscles and to medical social work, enrolled tired feet along with the incompar-

OUR MAIL BAG

"I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to the officers and nurses, especially from Wards C-1 and C-2. who so willingly gave me the professional medical attention that I needed, during my recent illness. I assure you it was appreciated so much, that I'll never be able to thank the Letterman General Hospital staff enough.

Also, my sincerest appreciation to the "Corps Men" who very ably assisted me night and day during my two months stay at the hospital.

I would also like to mention the kind and courteous attention given me by the Red Cross, and the Gray Ladies shall never be forgotten by

In closing may I say that I only hope I can do as much for the United States Army as it has done for me. Without the professional medical care that we are getting in the Armed Forces today I am sure there would be many more casualties.

Again, please accept my most sincerest appreciation to the entire

Corp. Ralph T. Strowbirdge" October 26, 1942

GOOD NEWS

It is the custom of the Army to send out "arrival cards" to the families of men who have landed safely overseas: the men fill the cards out before they depart. The parents of one lad we've just heard about had received strong hints from their son that he was on the point of embarking, so as time went by without an arrival card showing up in the mail they got more and more worried. Finally, after a good many long weeks, a letter came from their son, announcing that he was in Australia and explaining why they hadn't filling out his arrival card and it had been sent to him.

-From New Yorker

John Henry Signs His

Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.-The Quartermaster iceman heaved a frigid load into the refrigerator, thrust a slip at the mess sergeant and said: "Just put your John Henry on this."

The non-com did so. The iceman looked at the slip and scowled. "Say, I'm a very busy man. What's the big idea?" The sergeant smiled: "I wouldn't kid you, pal. The name's Sgt. John D. Henry."

Something For You To Send the Folks For Christmas

General Foods has assembled a unique food gift assortment to implement the warm impulse of the service man who wants to send an impressive remembrance home at Christmas time.

No matter where the American fighting man may be stationed, arrangements have been made to take his order for General Foods Christmas Party Boxes to be delivered just before Christmas to any address in the 48 United States. All charges are included in the post exchange prices.

Christmas Party Spread for 8

The holiday gift package contains all of the makings for a Christmas party "feed" for at least eight persons as well as an attractive set of eight tall, ten-ounce crystal tumblers decorated in blue with the seal of the branch of service with which the donor is connected.

To supplement the party flavor of the gift, the box also includes twelve paper napkins in Christmas design, two large red imitation candles, a large green table Christmas tree, and eight paper hats.

Basic in the party menu are 24 packages of a dozen and a half popular American food products. Among them are luncheon meat, shrimp, tomato juice, chocolate confections, syrup, coffee, cocoa, postum, and the makings for waffles, hot biscuits, Jell-o fruit salad, and layer cake.

Most post exchanges are equipped to handle orders for the party gift box.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

October 31 and November 1:

BORN TO SING—Virginia Wiedler and Rags Ragland. Also short subjects.

November 3 and 4:

HARMON OF MICHIGAN—Tom Harmon and Anita Louise. Also short subjects.

November 5 and 6:

TALK OF THE TOWN—Cary Grant, Ronald Coleman and Jean Arthur. Also short subjects.

Agricultural Official—"I notice you raise hogs exclusively. Do you find they pay better than corn and potatoes?"

Hill Billy—"Well, no. But hogs don't have to be hoed."

ONE HUNDRED PERCENTERS

DIETITIANS

Eleanor L. Mitchell Hollace E. Beall Ruth Boyd Lorraine B. Clampitt Marjory J. Jewell Valdis M. Knudson Virginia L. Kwiatt Dorothy M. Richardson Helen Updegraff Geraldine La Velle Katherine A. Wofford

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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICE

Previously reported

Civilian employees of the above departments have exceeded the quota desired by the Secretary of War in the campaign for participation of civilian employees of the War Department in the purchase of Bonds by pay roll deduction.



Sports Slants From Other Camps

The boys stationed on the Hawaiian Islands have named Pvt. Bob Morris as the top service bowler in that neck of the woods. Bob has been bowling 'em over, over there, and is now looking around for a little stiffer competition. The maplewood destroyer is only 23, but has been yelling, "Timber!" since he was 15. Bob participated in the National American Bowling Congress in Cleveland when he was 17. Today his average is well over 200.

Pvt. Woodrow Harvey, one-time track star for Temple University, galloped over the finish line of the Camp Lee (Va.) five-mile cross-country race recently to triumph over 250 other starting contestants. Harvey's time was 27 minutes and 57 seconds—only one minute 55 seconds behind Leslie MacMitchell's national AAA, record!

An ice hockey team is being formed at **Minter Field**, **Cal.**, and the players are busy sharpening their skates and sticks. If the team shapes up well enough it will be entered in the Bakersville hockey league.

More bowling! Johnny Murphy, former national bowling champ, is now attending the Infantry School at Camp Shelby, Miss. Johnny captured the national title in 1936 when he won the A. B. C. all-events crown. At that time he was the youngest man ever to capture a national title in A. B. C. competition. He was 22 years old!

The Fort Dix (N. J.) basketball team will meet the Ft. Wadsworth (N. Y.) five in the first home game of the season at Dix, Nov. 13th. Sgt. Sadowski, former college and pro star, is captain of the team. Sadowski played at Seton Hall and then joined the Detroit Eagles in the National Professional League. Other teams on the Ft. Dix schedule are Brooklyn College, the U. S. Naval Air Base at Floyd Bennett Field, N. Y., La Salle and St. Francis Colleges.

Laff of the Week-

Camp Blanding, Fla.—The Rev. Grant W. Duncan visited this Post to get some information regarding the Army Chaplains' Corps. On his arrival he stepped into a line of men leading to the recruiting station. There, he asked a few questions and answered a few, got to another line and went to the medical examining building, then to the classification building. Before he realized what he had done, he had been sworn into the Army as a volunteer!

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Praises Passed for Packing Japs to Peril-less Parts

With the final transfer of persons of Japanese ancestry from strategic Pacific Coast areas completed, the Army today paid high tribute to the various Federal civilian agencies that cooperated in the evacuation operations.

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, under whose jurisdiction the evacuation was conducted, also complimented the various Military sector commanders for their part in executing the operation.

The transfer of the Japanese from the Pacific Coast Assembly Centers established and operated by the Army to care for the evacuees was completed this week. The evacuees are now in Relocation Centers built and supplied by the Army but are under the supervision of the War Relocation Authority, a civilian organization having no connection with the Army or the War Department.

General DeWitt praised the cooperation extended the military by several Federal Civilian Agencies in handling personal and property problems of the evacuees.

These included the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, The Department of Agriculture and its Farm Security Administration, The United States Public Health Service, The Department of Justice and its Bureau of Investigation, the Works Progress Administration, the United States Employment Service, the Department of Commerce through its Bureau of Census, and the Office for Emergency Management.

"Well co-ordinated team work," said General DeWitt, "accounts for the smoothness with which the com-(Continued on page seven)



EVELYN J. HART Chief Nurse '(1st Lieut.) A. N. C.

Is receiving the congratulations of her associates and the patients on her promotion this week.

We Take It Back—But War Dept. Did, Too!

would report here for duty this er deponent sayeth not.

We must take back the announce-| month. Later War Department orment that Chaplain Luther Suiter ders send him elsewhere and furth-

OWI Takes the Rap -If Any-with The War Department

The Office of War Information on October 24 issued the following statement:

The Director of the Office of War Information and his military information Deputy have been co-partners with the War Department in the maintenance of secrecy surrounding certain planes which participated in the Tokyo raid.

In the judgment of the Director and his Deputy, secrecy was highly desirable in the hope of saving the lives and securing the freedom of certain crew members who crashlanded in areas controlled by the enemy.

There still are too many considerations involved to permit complete explanation of the factors contributing to this judgment. The very explanation would give information to the enemy which would endanger lives of great value to the American

The War Department is not guilty of any deception except a highly desirable endeavor to deceive the enemy for reasons of vital importance.

If at a later time and in the light of full knowledge of the facts, anyone feels justified in criticizing the War Department in this specific instance, then the Office of War Information should share the burden of criticism equally with the War Department.

Jeep Ahoy! Toss 'Em a Pass

Ft. Dévens, Mass.-A lieutenant instructed his men how to float a jeep across a river by means of a tarpaulin. A few days later when several of the men were on pass and using their own car for transportation the shavetail received this telegram: "Raining hard. Creek up. Extend passes or send tarpaulin." The men got an extra day of leave.

BRIGADIER GENERAL TORNEY WAS THIRD LETTERMAN C. O.

The third officer of the United States Army Medical Corps to exercise command of Letterman General Hospital was George H. Torney, then a lieutenant colonel, who was commanding officer for a four-year tour from 1904 to 1908.

It was during his tenure that the great fire and earthquake devastated San Francisco in 1906 and a glowing tribute to General Torney's ability on that occasion appears in the History of the San Francisco Earthquake written by H. Morse Stephens, Sather Professor of History in the University of California, Prof. Stephens wrote:

"The most remarkable feature from a human point of view of the destruction of the greater part of San Francisco by earthquake and fire in the month of April, 1906, was the fact that this great disaster was not accompanied by any outbreak of pestilence, or indeed by any increase of disease. In all previous periods of such a character, when the usual resources of civilization have been suddenly cut short, there has always been an outbreak of disease, or at the very least a terrible increase of mortality, from the sudden destruction of sanitary facilities. That the usual results did not follow in San Francisco in April, 1906, was chiefly due to the splendid executive qualities of the late General George H. Torney, who organized and presided over the Health Commission of San Francisco during the critical days from April 20 to May 7, 1906.

George Henry Torney (June 1, 1850-December 27, 1913), Surgeon General, January 14, 1909-December 27, 1913, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, the son of John P. and Mary M. (Peacock) Torney. He received his preliminary education at Carroll College, New Windsor, Maryland, which he attended from 1862 to 1867, following which he took the course in medicine at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville where he was given his degree of M.D. on June 30, 1870.

After an interneship at the Bay View Hospital in Baltimore he entered the Navy as an assistant surgeon on November 1, 1871. He was promoted to assistant surgeon on December 18, 1874, but on account of intractable seasickness he resigned his commission on June 30, 1875. The following day, July 1, 1875, he accepted appointment as a first lieu-



Brigadier General GEORGE H. TORNEY

medical department of the army, he was ordered to Philadelphia as atthough relatively uneventful service in various army posts. Upon appointment he was ordered to Fort Wood in New York harbor, from whence he sailed in November, 1875, with a battalion of the 5th Artillery to Wey West Barracks, Florida. He served at Fort Canby in Florida until May, 1877, when he was transferred to Fort Gibson in the Indian Territory. In September, 1878, he went to Fort Wingate, New Mexico, and in December, 1880, to Fort Lyon, Colorado, where he remained for the following four years. In this service in the southwest he saw the usual amount of field service aganst hostile Indians that fell to the lot of all medical officers serving in that section during those troublesome times.

In April, 1885, he was brought east to Fortress Monroe, Virginia, where he served for the next four years, after which he had four years of service at Fort Brown, Texas, near the mouth of the Rio Grande. He had been promoted to Captain on tenant and assistant surgeon in the July 1, 1880, and in September, 1893,

Then followed years of highly useful tending surgeon and to prepare him for his examination for the grade of major.

> He was promoted to Major on June 6, 1894, and in the following month was detailed for duty as surgeon at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He remained there until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, when in May, 1898, he was ordered to equip and command the hospital ship "Relief." He served in this capacity, transporting sick and wounded from Cuba and Porto Rico to the United States, until the end of hostilities.

> In October, 1898, he was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and detailed as instructor in hygiene in the general service schools. After one year of this duty he was transferred to the command of the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he remained until November, 1902. From this duty he was transferred to Manila, P. I., and assigned to the command of the First Reserve Hospital. In July of the following year he

was transwerred, seriously ill, to the general hospital at the Presidio of San Francisco. In November he was sufficiently recovered to be assigned to the duty of chief surgeon of the Department of California. After four months of this duty he was sent back to the Presidio as commanding officer of the general hospital. He held this position from March, 1904, until December, 1908. It was during this period, on April 18, 1906, that the great earthquake and fire occurred in San Francisco. The army was active in the police and rescue work following the disaster and the Presidio hospital was taxed to the limit. Lieut. Colonel Torney was placed in charge of the sanitary work of the stricken city and acquitted himself notably well in the face of the greatest difficulties. The brilliant record that he made as an administrator and sanitarian during these trying days made him the popular hero of the city and assisted materially to give him the office of Surgeon General when it became vacant. From November, 1907, to November, 1908, he filled the dual role of chief surgeon of the Department of California and commanding officer of the general hospital which was later designated Letterman General Hospital in War Dep't, General Orders, No. 152, November 23, 1911. In the meantime he had been advanced to the grade of lieutenant colonel and deputy surgeon general on August 6, 1903, and to colonel of the medical corps on April 23, 1908.

With the retirement of General O'Reilly in January, 1909, the strength of San Francisco's gratitude was sufficient to give Colonel Torney the vacated place, though the list of officers senior to him included such potent name sas those of Colonels Gorgas, Harvard, and Hoff.

General Torney began his career as Surgeon General on January 14. 1909. He retained as his office assistants much of the same group that General O'Reilly had assembled and continued to advocate the policies laid down by his predecessor. The reserves of officers, nurses, and supplies were built up, and the Walter Reed General Hospital was opened in May, 1909, following the announcement in War Dept. General Orders, No. 70, April 14, 1909, and the discontinuance of the hospital at Washington Barracks. Immunization against typhoid fever was pushed to

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NURSES ON THE STAFF of the Operating Room, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco. Standing (left to right). 2nd Lieut. Wilma Katherine Sandberg, of Minnesota; 2nd Lieut. Dorothy L. Butterworth, of Rhode Island; 2nd Lieut. Margaret R. Worthington, of Nevada; 2nd Lieut. Dorothy Roberta Bohling, of California; 2nd Lieut. Anna Ellen Colley,

of California; 2nd Lieut. Anita Alcala, of Texas. Sitting (ieft to right): 2nd Lieut. Ruth A. Miller, of Illinois; 2nd Lieut. Myrtle Lowena Edison, of Kentucky; 1st Lieut. Francis Ewing, of Louisiana; Supervisor of Surgery, 2nd Lieut. Geneva L. Coe, of Ohio.

MORE ABOUT GEN. TORNEY

(Continued from page two) universal use in the army in 1911, and the use of venereal phophylaxis extended. The Army Medical School was built up, department laboratories established, and sanitary measures improved. An act of Congress approved March 3, 1911, (36 Stat. 1054) created the Dental Corps as part of the medical department. It was a time of activity in the tactical training of medical personnel with the beginning of the instruction of medical officers in field work and medical tactics at the Fort Leavenworth schools and with added importance given to military hygiene in the service schools. The mobili- dence in Washington after an illness

zation of a maneuver division in Texas gave the medical department an opportunity to test for the first time the worth of their field hospitals and ambulance companies and the efficiency of the regimental sanitary equipment. It gave also a practical test of the efficacy of the typhoid prophylaxis. In the Philippines the work of the medical research board was fruitful in the practical elimination of beri-beri from the native troops. General Torney's term of four years ended with a brilliant record of achievement in January, 1913, and he was immediately reappointed on January 14. His second term had advanced less than a year when, on December 27, 1913, he died of broncho-pneumonia at his resi-

of some weeks duration. He was within about six months of his retirement for age.

General Torney was a member of the American Medical Association and of the Association of Military Surgeons and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was elected president of the Association of Military Surgeons at its Milwaukee meeting in 1911. He was the Chairman of the War Relief Committee of the American National Red

The new Army general hospital located at Palm Springs, California, has been named Torney General Hospital in memory of General Torney.

Serve in Silence

Q. M. Detachment Makes Donation to S. F. War Chest

The Commanding Officer and the men of the Quartermaster Detachment have contributed \$26.50 to the San Francisco War Chest during the current campaign and their donation is very much appreciated.

Soldier Gets 48 Letters From Wife in One Day

Warrensburg Air Base, Mo.-PFC Wayne Bentley, a native of Olney, Tex., hit a "jackpot" when he received 48 letters and cards, all at one mail call. Some of them were sent airmail and all of them were from his wife.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

IN MEMORIAM 'In Flanders Fields'

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns be-

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we

The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.

-Lieut.-Col. John McCrae

BE A NAZI KILL-JOY BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

Serve in Silence



Chief Warrant Officer Lynn Decker and his Station Band from the Presidio giving the patients the weekly concert in the patio.

Master Sergeant William R. Moody, Post Sergeant Major, munching his luncheon at his desk to save

Tired MP's supporting the wall of the west corridor by leaning against it. The position of the soldier as the cartoonists have it.

do and quite all right from where April 2, 1941 (her birthday, incident-

Captain Cleo E. Rumsey, Post Exchange officer, grabbing a snack in the grill during the noon rush hour and making personal observations on the congestion.

Corporal Dean "Pop" Latimer resting from his labors while chatting with the crew in the Q. M. Bakery Shop.

Tech. Sgt. Herbert Ligier putting off the frothier things like football forecasts as he prepares for the move to Officer Candidates School. . . .

Two hundred scrap books donated by the students from Commercial High School of San Francisco to our patients. Good work.

The shining chevrons of Cpl. Gus Piatte, former barber and current soldier, and all-time horseplayer.

'Through These Portals--'

Laredo, Tex.-Brig. Gen. Harry Johnson put the following sign over the entrance to the Ft. McIntosh guardhouse: "All who enter here help Hitler."-

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

organized by the Army to give pendents can ask for help at any sistance to all soldiers and their de- Red Cross Chapter, where full incare, or food, fuel and clothing will of the soldier.

Army Emergency Relief has been be furnished. Soldiers or their despeedy financial help and other as- Army post, camp or air field, or local pendents who deserve help, when- formation will be available. When ever and wherever such help is applying, dependents must give needed. In proper cases money will name, grade, serial number, organibe advanced in other cases medical zation, station or last mailing address



Congratulations of the staff are extended to Miss Evelyn J. Hart on her promotion to Chief Nurse with the rank of First Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. Miss Hart was born in Elkins, Pennsylvania, but moved to California at a very early age. She attended high school in Merced, California, and took her student nurses' training at the Burnett Sanitarium to be a supervisor in surgery for one year. Transferring to the Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley, she did emergency and supervisory work there for seven years. She en-Mrs. Jerry Gorby with a new hair- tered the Reserve Nurse Corps on ally) and has been at Letterman Hospital for nineteen months.

> Miss Almira Lanfear, Chief Nurse, has followed in the footsteps of the ten nurses who went South last

We welcome to the staff Miss Mary Tye who was born in Arizpe, Mexico, attended Bisbee High School, and took her nurses' training at St. Mary's School of Nursing in Tucson, Arizona in 1932. Since that time she has done private duty nursing in and around Tucson until she entered the Reserve Nurse Corps on October 31, and was stationed at Letterman Hospital. Her off-duty interests include dancing, horse-back riding, swimming and collecting recipes and match folders. . . .

The Chief Nurse has turned over to the War Chest Officer the following sums collected from the personnel of her department:

Nurses\$	186.87
Attendants Nurses' Qrts.	12.95
Ward Attendants	20.40
Employees Nurses' Mess	18.05

\$238.27 TOTAL

All of which is a very good showing and the thanks of the community are tendered to all who contribu-

The Army Pretties Up

Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo .- In anticipation of the stationing of a WAAC outfit here several new barracks are planned and a beauty parlor is under construction.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, November 8, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John C. Hannaford, a daughter, Constance Cecille Hannaford, born October 28, weight seven pounds, seven and one half ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond C. Schultz, a daughter, Marilin Reva Schultz, born October 29, weight six pounds, seven ounces.

To 1st Lieut, and Mrs. Donald L. Brown, a daughter, Donna Rae Brown, born October 31, weight eight pounds, five and one half oun-

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Harold L. Burt, a daughter, Donna Marie Burt, born October 31, weight six pounds, fourteen and one half ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. E. N. Carrico, a son, Edward Nathan Carrico, Jr., born November 1, weight six pounds, one and a half ounces. . . .

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Lee M. Harris, a daughter, Marilee Joan Harris, born November 1, weight nine pounds, three and one half ounces. . . .

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Ed R. Dressler, born November 2, weight eight pounds, eight and one half ounces.

Razor Becomes Captive

A California Maneuver Area-Maj. Gen. John Heard isn't letting his "peep" out of his sight. He is taking no chances on going two days without a shave again. During a recent desert problem an enemy force snatched his "peep." He keeps his face scraper in it.

Congratulations are in order for: Marion D. Jones, appointed Sergeant, Robert J. Harrington and Elias G. Tamey, appointed Corporals, and Charles L. Bissonnette appointed Private First Class.

With so much talk going the rounds regarding the fine time had by everyone at the Enlisted Men's Dance, congratulations are in order for the dance committee S/Sgt. Thomas R. Bell, Sgts. Malcolm Foster and Merle C. "Windy" West. Cpl. Ralph M. Mason and Mrs. Calvin D. Williams for the success of the party.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein a patient on N-1. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery.

. . .

Pvt. Edward Hee returning from a seven day "honeymoon" furlough. Congratulations, Ed.

Sgt. Salyer E. Reed, Jr., announcing his marriage date.

And Sgt. George W. Norvelle considering marriage very seriously. * * *

The members of civilian personnel addressing Sgt. Ross H. Morey as "cup-cake."

Pvts. Harry Miller and William Belikoff and the eternal games of Chinese Checkers.

Greetings recently received from Pvt. Francis Monahan from ? down

The members of the detachment contributed the sum of \$520.70 to the San Francisco War Chest and the thanks of the community are tendered to every man who made a donation to that worthy cause.

Zip Your Lip

Scott Field, Ill.-Two soldiers stationed here hopped a ride to town with a friendly motorist, but one of them lost his teeth in the car. The motorist found a set of uppers and wrote the Field in an effort to locate the soldier who had lost them.

Moral: Keep your mouth shut when riding with strangers.

ROMANCE RAMPANT RIGHT UNDER THE BEETLE BROWS OF THE BOSS: TSK! TSK!







Staff Sgt. ROSCO J. WILLEY Circulation Manager

-AND NOW THEY ARE ONE

Closing the door softly behind him as he walked into the office of the Old Ogre, who masquerades as editor of this paper, the Circulation Manager met the inquiring glance of the boss with "Sir, I would like to tell you this first of all," and then he hesitated for a moment to let the "this" assume the importance the subject deserved. He went on: "Miss Williams and I are planning to be married over this coming week-end -if you and the paper could spare us that long"

The Boss, a disciple of the Roman school and the maxim "Divide and Rule" immediately conjured up a picture of his two valiant aides ganging up on him, presenting a united front, and out-voting him at the council table in future discussions as to what would or would not be the feature of the next issue. On the other hand the twain could make up their joint minds before coming to the office and precious time saved. The Boss, looking at the picture as a whole, decided it was good and extended his blessing.

Staff Sergeant Rosco J. Willey has been with the paper since its inception and while carrying the title of Circulation Manager he has been a general handy man with additional duties as reporter for the Medical Detachment and custodian of the files, a dignified term for our private November 12 and 13: "morgue."

Miss Lois E. Williams joined the staff last spring and early took an active part in the weekly production by her work at the copy desk. From time to time she has contributed a

story when the women's angle was stressed. Her background of several years with one of the broadcasting companies was a valuable asset to the office. She possesses a pleasing personality and has made many friends in and out of the sanctum.

The young couple left last night by motor for Reno where the wedding ceremony is to take place this morning. Due to the exigencies of the military service at this time the honeymoon will be limited to the week-end and Monday morning should find the newlyweds back at their desks.

If copy is garbled or the paper is late for the next few weeks please remember that Mr. and Mrs. Willey are slowly coming back to earth. They will get down after a while even as every other couple has since the dawn of time.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

November 7 and 8:

GO WEST, YOUNG LADY-Penny Singleton and Glen Ford. Also Short Subjects.

November 10 and 11:

THIS ABOVE ALL-Tyrone Power and Joan Fontaine. Also Short Subjects.

SWEATER GIRL-Eddie Bracken and June Preisser. Also Short Subjects.

> BE A NAZI KILL-JOY BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

SPECIAL SERVICE

With the new offices in the School Headquarters freshly painted and furnished, the building seems literally to have had its face lifted. The three offices are tenanted by Col. H. N. Ervin, M.C., Commandant; Lt. Col. G. C. Shivers, M.C., Director of Training, and 1st Lieut. A. D. Suppo, D.C., Detachment Commander.

T/4th Grade Jason Hervin and the fellows in T-37 must really have something "on the ball," having won the weekly barracks inspection for the second consecutive week, thereby being excused from bed-check on the BIG night of the month, PAY-DAY. We wonder what the other barracks are going to do about it. Come on, gang, don't let them have it their way all the time!

Did a certain Supply Sergeant really drop a heavy glass jar and thereby receive all those cuts and bruises?

* * *

We are glad to welcome the new students who arrived over the last week-end. Good wishes for your success in the school, and be assured that each and every man in this detachment is only too glad to help you in every way possible.

After the happy and enjoyable time had by so many of the School personnel and students at the big dance, most remarks heard are, "Why can't we have them more often?" Coming from soldiers this indicates that the party was a huge success.

Welcome is extended to the new member of the duty personnel, Pfc. Walter E. Pulling, at present attached to the Charge of Quarters. He is a swell fellow and well liked by all who come in contact with him. . . .

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is the attraction on Ward C-1? S/Sgt. Nathan Edelstein doesn't seem inclined to hurry back to school after his recent abdominal renovation.

Lowry Field, Col. - Twenty-four women are taking training as photographic instructors here. (Should it be instructoresses or instructorettes?-Ed.)

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. JAMES T. WALTER

Private James Thomas Walter, Medical Section, SCU 1972, first saw the sunrise in the friendly town of Denver, Colorado, on March 12, 1902. The family moved to San Francisco in 1912 where he received his schooling, attending Adams Grammar School, the High School of Commerce and Business College. While in High School, Jim performed on both the baseball and basketball teams, with the basketball team winning the City Championship.

During World War No. 1, too young for the services, Jim worked in the shipyards. In the following years he turned to the insurance business, majoring in both the selling and investigative branches, finally gravitating into the radio business in the late twenties when, with his older brother, he opened a large retail radio store in downtown San Francisco.

With the advent of the twentynine depression, the family moved to beautiful Napa Valley where they purchased a ranch and where Jim, for a hobby, started the study of economics. One of his letters, in answer to an article by George Creel in the Saturday Evening Post, attracted the attention of Dr. Francis E. Townsend, of the then powerful Townsend Movement. Jim was wired an offer of Associate Editorship of the Townsend Weekly in Los Angeles. Accepting the Doctor's offer, he journeyed to Los Angeles and in 1935 was promoted to Washington Editor of the Weekly.

Disagreeing with what he called "mercenary political opportunists who infiltrated into the movement seeking aggrandizement," Jim resigned this important position in 1936, returned to California and was drafted by a citizen's committee to run for the office of State Senator. Lacking actual political experience but not friends, Jim ran a surprisingly strong race and was only de- thousand to three thousand.

NAVY EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF RED CROSS HELP IN SOLOMONS

midst of battle to the survivors of the U.S.S. Cruisers Astoria, Vincennes and Quincy whose sinkings in the Solomon Islands were announced

The supplies were carried into the great naval battle which screened the landing operations of U.S. Marines in the Solomons by Field Director Alfred S. Campbell, of Lambertville, New Jersey, and his two assistants, John J. Clancy, Jr., of Syracuse, New York, and Davis S. Oman, of Carrollton, Ohio, who witnessed the battle from one of the transports the Japanese sought to Americans.

report to Chairman Norman H. Davis on Red Cross activities in the Pacific, related how the survivors and wounded were given clothes and kit bags, containing cigarettes, soap, razors, tooth brushes, playing cards and other comfort articles as they lay on the decks and gangways of one of the transports, following the battle.

As the supplies were distributed to the survivors of the U.S.S. Astoria, Captain William G. Greenman, commander of the vessel, accompanied the Red Cross men to give each man of his command a pat on the back, Campbell said.

"Captain Greenman was mighty tired," Campbell said, "but he gave up much needed sleep to see to it that his men were getting proper attention. The spirit of the men was marvelous.

"Many of the men were wounded, yet I didn't hear one groan or complaint from any of them.

"They were incredulous at first that supplies could be distributed so fast. Let me tell you, it helped their morale. It was concrete evidence that the folks at home had not forgotten them, and it gave them a feeling that they were being backed up by the country.

"One sailor remarked unbelievingly that he didn't see how the folks at home could have learned of the battle so quickly.

The kit bags had been prepared Presidio of San Francisco.

feated by a margin of around four

Washington, D. C.,—American Red by volunteers in Cincinnati, Elyria, Cross sweaters, kit bags and comfort Ohio, San Francisco and Texas, and supplies, prepared by volunteers in it gave the men a lift to receive widely separated sections of the sweaters prepared in familiar cities country, were distributed in the in the United States, Campbell said.

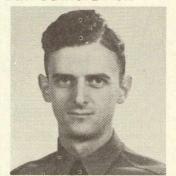
Many of the men were without clothes following the naval action, and Campbell and Clancy collected surplus clothing from other ships during the day to give to the sur-

In describing the battle, Campbell said that the first inkling that any of the men on his transport had that the attack was about to begin came when two flares, apparently dropped from aircraft, floated down above their ship. From then on, the action developed into one of unbelievable bravery on the part of the invading

"I saw one mess boy who had been Campbell, here in Washington to struck in the arm," said Campbell. "He was smiling as surgeons removed a shell fragment weighing three-quarters of a pound. When asked what he had been hit with the mess boy replied, 'I guess it was a small Japanese salvo.' He kept the fragment as a souvenir," Campbell said.

> Appreciation of the work of the American Red Cross during and following the initial phases of the battle for the Solomons was expressed to Campbell by Captain Greenman, of the Astoria, one of the two commanders of the stricken cruisers to survive the battle.

Our Cameramen



ELLIS M. YARNELL Staff Sgt. Signal Corps

Staff Sgt. Ellis M. Yarnell, is the assistant non commissioned officer in charge of the photo laboratory of the 9th Service Command located at nal Corps. Prior to becoming a sol-

He joined the service in February field near Hollywood. 1941 and went to the 15th Infantry and later changed over to the Sig-each week.

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. JAMES F. GARDNER, C.A.

Rough and ready, rugged and tan is Private James Franklin Gardner, formerly a coal miner in the region about Kathryn, West Virginia, and now a patient on Ward N-1.

Jim, only nineteen years old, was born in Laurel Creek, West Virginia. It seemed he was destined to work in the mines, for the Gardner family for generations back has been doing so. Consequently upon completion of his schooling he followed the family tradition and became mine worker No. 3 of his family, working with his father and older brother for the same company. His job was coal machine operator and "way down under." This was literally so. His "hole" was a mere seven miles in the side of the mountain.

Came July 8 of this year, both he and his older brother, enlisted in the Army for the Coast Artillery. However, the Recruiting Officer had other plans and Jim and his brother were separated-Jim to the C.A. and his brother to the Ski Troops. Jim, upon his induction was sent first to Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he received his basic training. That completed, his unit was sent to the West Coast at a Coast Artillery Base. It was while at this station that he became ill and was eventually hospitalized at Letterman.

Jim, when asked if he had participated in any amateur boxing tournaments, for he has several scars about his eyes, shyly confessed he had-a little. But when questioned further he admitted that the bulk of his fighting has been in "friendly scraps" with other workers. "Coal miners" he said, "just don't happen to settle their disputes too quietly. More or less typical of all mining camps, I

dier he was in the motion picture

He is a big help to the FOGHORN

Keglers Climbing And Promise To Keep At It

The Letterman Bowling team climbed into third position in the 875 House League at the Broadway Van Ness Alleys when they took two games from the third position team, Al Lapeyris' Liquor Establishment. The LGH team has been winning two out of three games regularly for the last five weeks to climb from last place position to third, with only three games separating them from the league leading team, Adams' Hats.

The Medics won the first game by a margin of 43 pins with Sgt. Kuntz getting high game of 183, the second game the Medics won by exactly 100 pins, Mottier getting high game of 200. The third game the LGH team lost by 15 pins, with Sgt. Wilcox getting high game of 223.

Sgt. Wilcox was high for the evening with a 555 triple, getting off to a bad start in the first game with a score of 139, but hitting them for 193 and 223 for the next two games.

Sgt. Mottier was second high with a 541 triple, with games of 172, 200

Corporal Marano was third high with a 536 triple, getting 180, 178 and 178.

Sgt. Kuntz started out good but tired in the third game, rolling them for a total of 499.

Monday night the Letterman team plays Fort Scott in a three game match at the Fort Scott Alleys. The last time these two teams met the Ft. Scott team won the match by almost 200 pins total. Their two new alleys open up officially Monday night with this match scheduled as opening of play.

Following is the scores for the Friday night series.

AL LAPEYRI'S

Stout	172	163	199	534	
Farley	156	144	143	443	
O'Rielly	171	148	178	497	
Modeste	166	148	166	480	
Arras	147	213	178	538	
DESCRIPTION OF STREET					
Total	812	816	864	2492	
LETTERMAN HOSPITAL					
Kuntz	183	180	136	499	
Yohe	181	165	146	492	
Marano	180	178	178	536	
Wilcox	139	193	223	555	
Mottier	172	200	169	541	
The state of the state of					
Total	855	916	849	2620	

Serve in Silence

THIS VETERAN OF TWO WORLD WARS BRINGS BEARD BACK FROM THE BUSH



LUTHER E. McGILTON Pvt., Army Air Force

Private Luther E. McGilton, recently returned from Down Under, for him, and subsequent assignment says a shortage of razor blades and to Darwin, Australia, took him right not his experiences in hopping for into action-and plenty of it. In fact, cover from bush to bush was the he states that hunting cover almost reason for growing the smart Van became second nature when Jap Dyke "bush-down-under" the chin. bombs fell. Despite the annoyance However, considering his experiences in the Army it is true that the Philo Vance chin spinach is not so downy as tough.

is unique in that it not only embodies World Wars No. 1 and No. lieve I would still be there. And I 2. but his enlistment in both instances took place in the same Reception Center barracks at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

assigned to the Medical Corps at Newport News, Virginia. He served there all during the war and then transferred to the Surgeon General's office and was sent to the Army Medical School at Walter Reed Gen-Reed Hospital, June 10, 1921.

His second enlistment, January 10, 1941 netted McGilton a spot in the Air Corps-the Ordnance Branch. And he was sent to the Jackson Air mediately thereafter overseas.

Australia was the "end of the line" of these Jap raids, McGilton states that life moved along on a surprisingly even keel at his base.

"Sure, there were casualties," he Pvt. McGilton's military history grinned, "but I wasn't one of them. If I was just a little younger I beshould like to think that I might go back."

McGilton was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, and graduated During the first war McGilton was from the public high school of that city. And with the exception of the time spent in the Army he has lived all his life in Columbus.

With his return to civilian life after the last war he took a machinist course and has been working as eral Hospital, Washington, D. C. His such ever since. This knowledge of discharge was effected at Walter machinery qualified him for immediate duty overseas in this war.

If physical disability décrees that there will be no more duty overseas for him, Pvt. McGilton hopes that he will be allowed to continue to serve Base in Mississippi and almost im- the Government in some other line of duty.

Don Still Active As His Magicians **Entertain Patients**

Halloween Spooks flew into the Recreation Center last Saturday afternoon for a general get-together, but they hovered in the background and hung from the rafters while Letterman patients showed them what a real Halloween Jamboree was like.

Games of bingo were played under the direction of the Red Cross, with prizes appropriate for the ghostly occasion for the winners. Cider and doughnuts were furnished by the Hospital.

Highlight of the party was the appearance of three top representatives of National Magician's Week, Mr. Shepard, Mr. Hansen and Pugi-Pugi, who visited Letterman through the courtesy of Mr. Don Still of General Motors. The three Master Magicians entertained in several of the wards with their "bag of tricks" and rounded out the program in the Recreation Center with sensational tricks of magic-or miracles as they call them. Rabbits were grabbed from thin air and the disappearance of canary birds baffled the audience, which, nevertheless enjoyed and appreciated the whole performance.

PRAISED FOR PACKING JAPS

(Continued from page one) plete operation was carried out. A regulated pace that met a schedule with the least possible disturbance to personal relations and dislocations of business or property interests characterized the entire procedure. Commanders of the military sectors contributed their experience and devotion to duty. Federal Civilian Agencies contributed their special facilities and training. Their united effort brought about the successful operation of the whole problem.

Also cited for the Commanding General's praise were Major General Maxwell Murray, Commanding, Southern California Sector, WDC: Major General Walter K. Wilson, Commanding, Northern California Sector, WDC; Major General James I. Muir, Commanding Northwestern Sector, WDC; and Brigadier General Thoburn K. Brown, Commanding, Southern Land Frontier Sector, WDC.

Washington-A total of (take a deep breath) 18,226,000 one-hundred pound bags of beans were produced in the U.S. last year.

Good Old Uncle Is To Play Santa for Six Extra Months

To the men of vision in our midst who have been wondering how they would eat come the end of the war, a recent bill presented in the Congress offers a respite for at least six months after the "duration." Their pay will go right on and they can eat at Uncle Sam's expense.

The bill, introduced by Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D) of Colorado, intends to ease the shock of returning to civilian life at a time when there will be a huge economic readjustment.

This is the first soldier's bonus proposal of the Second World War and is designed to help carry millions of servicemen back through a program of rehabilitation and aid them until they again find jobs after they leave the service.

The bill would start the serviceman's pay period after discharge from the armed services and continue for six months thereafter.

Only men on active duty in one of the branches of the service for 90 days or more at the official end of the war would be eligible for the extended payment and in no event would the amount paid exceed \$200 per month unless the individual is recalled for active service. A committee is studying the bill at the present time.

LABOR SUPPLY

President Roosevelt told his press conference that a compulsory registration for American women to determine their availability for War work is being considered. While no compulsory drafting of women for War industries is contemplated, he said, there is need for information which a compulsory registration could produce. Such a registration would require Legislation which probably could not be completed until close to the end of the year.

Labor Secretary Perkins reported 4,500,000 new workers must come into the labor market before the end of 1943 and an additional 3,000,000 by the end of 1944. War Manpower Commission Chairman McNutt said that about 500,000 workers will be released to War industries when nationwide gasoline rationing becomes effective November 22.

Ft. Lewis, Wash.—Pvt. Sherlock Holmes (correct) has been assigned to a Military Police battalion here.

ONE HUNDRED PERCENTERS

LAUNDRY SEAMSTRESSES

Paula Bartels Josephine D. Giaccarini Edith Mortimer

LAUNDRY MECHANIC

Milton E. Anderson

ATTENDANTS NURSES QUARTERS

Genevieve A. Austin Bertha E. Blumenthal Mattie P. Guico Helen Oulette Nina W. Walker Helen A. Bass Bertha E. Carver Lilly J. Meader Hazel M. Revello

HOUSEKEEPER, NURSES QUARTERS
Alyce T. Willig

LIBRARY

Myrtle E. Wickersheimer Mary F. Williams

Previously reported

CHIEF NURSE'S OFFICE POST CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE UNIT PERSONNEL OFFICE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICE

Civilian employees of the above departments have exceeded the quota desired by the Secretary of War in the campaign for participation of civilian employees of the War Department in the purchase of Bonds by pay roll deduction.



Specialists Corps To Be Abolished

The Army Specialist Corps, which had inducted approximately 1,300 men was abolished, the War Department announced, and all future commissions directly from civil life will be given in the specialist reserve until the men commissioned have completed a course of military training. Then they will be commissioned in appropriate grades in the Army. Members of the Corps already in the service will be tendered commissions in the Army of the United States, if qualified.

The change was made, the War Department said, because it was found inadvisable " in the interest of efficiency, uniformity of operations, discipline and the avoidance of duplication of effort" to have two uniformed services. Applications now on file for the Specialist Corps will "continue to be available for consideration for appointments in the Army of the United States," the Department said. Under the new rules no person under 35, without previous commissioned service, will be appointed unless he has been classified 4-F for physical disability. No person without previous commissioned service who is between 34 and 45 will be accepted if his classification is 1-A or A. Exceptions will be made to these rules only where there is "critical need" for the applicant's services.

STABILIZATION OF WAGES

The War Labor Board began to set up administrative machinery to regulate all wages and salaries under \$5,000 a year. The Board will delegate to local wage-hour administration officers the power to decide whether employers are exempt under the provisions permitting individual raises for merit, length of service or increased productivity. The Board will establish 10 regional offices whose directors will meet in Washington with WLB officials to work out details for handling applications. The Treasury Department, which will control salaries not under WLB jurisdiction, established a salary stabilization unit and announced that seven regional offices of the unit will be opened soon.

Camp Roberts, Calif.—Pvt. Ralph L. Kitchen of Miami, Okla., was assigned to the cooks' battery when he arrived here. Volume 2

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New Corporal Eyes Marshal's Baton For Future Use

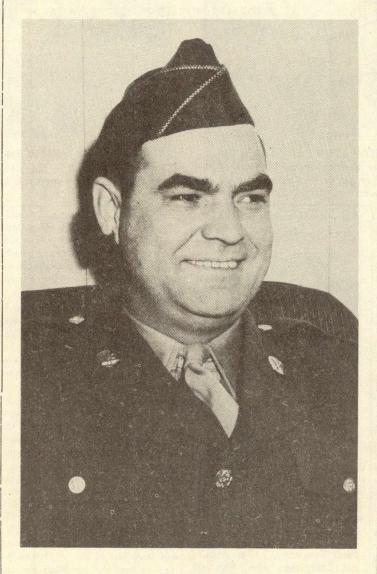
Following in the footsteps of the French hero who climbed to the heights of military fame after having been a corporal, one of the best known men in this vicinity is now wearing the chevrons of a squad leader. No longer is he 'Gus the Barber" but Corporal August J. Piette, Med. Sect. SCU 1972.

Like barber shops the world over the establishment here at Letterman is the gathering place of all ranks seeking tonsorial attention. There is the usual amount of chatter and badinage or ever airy persiflage. Skill with the clippers or razor is only part of the qualifications of a good barber and he must be prepared on invitation or without such to carry on a complete discussion on any of the topics of the day. His technique should be developed to a degree which will make a customer forget the pull of the razor or the squeak of the clippers in the effort to follow his line of reasoning on any given subject. Gus,-pardon-Corporal Piette is a master barber.

For the past five years he has presided over the second chair in the barber shop of the main hospital and his pleasing personality won him many friends. His uncanny abiliity to pick the losing horse in a field as large as eighteen has brought him a local reputation as a horse player, but like most mortals every once in a while he fails to run true to form, and then he picks a winner. A situation which he can readily explain on request or even without request.

Reading the handwriting on the wall, or perhaps it was a notification from his local draft board, Gus applied for enlistment in the Medical Detachment of this hospital and was sworn in on September 9, 1942. The

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AUGUST J. PIETTE Corporal, Medical Detachment

New Chaplain Here—This Time No Foolin'

at Letterman General Hospital. The tell all.

In compliance with orders of the new chaplain arrived too late in the War Department Chaplain Donald week to make this issue with a com-M. MacNeil has reported for duty plete story but next week we will

Army Nurses Are Right at Home In the Jungle

Somewhere in New Guinea, according to a recent press despatch from Harold Guard, Staff Correspondent for the United Press, the Army Nurse Corps is represented by a detachment of nurses hard at work in a rude field hospital. It is a shack in the jungle where they have undertaken the job of treating scores of cases of malaria, dengue, and Jungle fever among the allied fighting men on that tropical island.

They arrived from Australia, it now can be revealed, on the same boat with a contingent of Australian nurses, to share Port Moresby's tumultuous welcome to the first white women the soldiers had seen since the second week in March.

Lieut. Helen Gray, Washington, D. C., was the first one ashore, leading her group of young women in full khaki field kit, complete with gas masks, tin hats and canteens. Miss Gray, trim and unruffled by all the stir their arrival caused, supervised the transfer of her troop from the ship to waiting trucks.

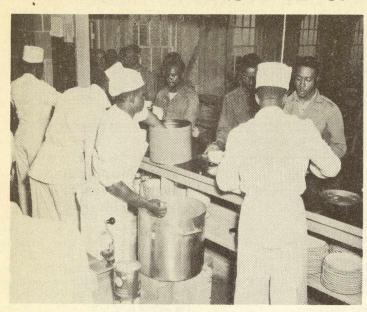
They went to their jobs at the jungle-surrounded hospital, which makes no attempt at camouflage, but relies upon huge red crosses painted everywhere. Surrounding the hospital are stained white, khaki and brown tents, tin shacks and grass huts, where patients are cared for and the personnel resides.

These girls have scored a notable number of "firsts" in their war experience. They were the first to land in Australia, the first to enter a combat zone, and the first white women to return to New Guinea after evacuation last March.

Alma Koehler, writing a letter in the cool grass shack which serves as an officers' club because it boasts a fine cement floor-better than the

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NEGRO TROOPS TAKE UP STATION AT LETTERMAN



THE CHOW LINE

Uncle Sam is a good provider and evidence of that is the two-handed work of the disher outer in the center of the photo.



REUBEN H. WHITE

First Sergeant, 717th Medical Battalion, who, like all top kicks, keeps the situation well in hand in his area.

thousand-bed size and is established to insure that, primarily, adequate methods of disease prevention will be in evidence at all times to protect the health of not only patients and personnel of the hospital but the health of adjoining communities, due to contamination of water, epidemics, etc. And so, duties pertaining to sanitation may be assigned these men as the Commanding Officer deems necessary. Evidence that the duties of this

With the arrival of negro soldiers,

under the command of Captain Ly-

man C. Meadows, a Sanitary Com-

pany was established at Letterman

Hospital, October 22, 1942. This com-

pany has been assigned barracks at

Crissy Field and will function as a

separate unit under the direction of

Brigadier General Frank W. Weed,

Commanding General of Letterman

to a general hospital of at least one-

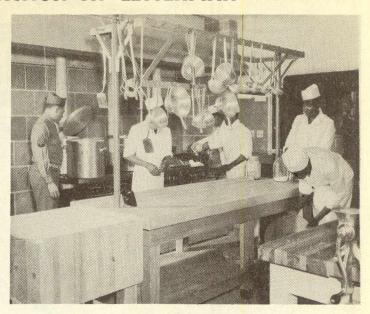
A Sanitary Company is assigned

Hospital.

new company are of prime importance and numerous, is evident in the drainage system recently completed by this company of men at Crissy Field. No longer will it be "mud up to your ankles" in certain locations on the field during the rainy season. Work is progressing is due for the manner in which the satisfactorily to complete the transformation in its entirety—one of group of inexperienced Negro men Texas, with 717th Sanitary Corps letters Vetter received ten bucks.

permanence, with lawns, walks and

To Captain Meadows much credit work progresses. He has taken a



VIEW OF KITCHEN

The 717th Med. Bn. Note the Mess Sergeant, Sgt. Ira Taylor, is taking a good look at the contents of the boiler.

from the southern states and moulded them into an efficient, industrious Letterman Hospital. and unified group with a purpose and the ability to accomplish much. The deportment and appearance of these men is a credit to any organi-

Right hand man to the Captain is 1st Sergeant Ruben H. White who has been with the 717th Medical Sanitation Company since it was organized at Fort Bliss, Texas, and much of the credit for the success is due to this tireless 1st Sgt.

Sgt. White is a native of Texas, having been born in Paris on Christmas Day, 1917. He was raised in the vicinity of Paris and went to work as a mechanic and electrician until he entered the service.

He joined the Army on November 19, 1936, with the 25th Infantry, Company "G" at Fort Huchuca, Arizona. According to the Sergeant, the Fighting "G" was not to be fooled with. Of 125 men 96 were boxers, and from one of the other men we learned that the Sergeant was the champion wrestler of the company. He was at Fort Huchuca until 1939.

The Sergeant returned to civilian life until 1940 when he found himself at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and enlisted in the 349th Field Artillery. He was put in charge of a cadre in January, 1941, and went to Fort Bliss,

and on October 22, 1942, arrived at

Asked about his promotions he began, "I made Buck Sergeant February 3, 1940," and was interrupted to be asked what about Corporal, at

"There was no Corporal White," he chuckled, "and I managed to skip Tech Sergeant, too," he added, looking at those three lower stripes.

Sgt. White has a motto for his outfit-"Keep 'Em Clean." And around this motto revolves his success. Success to the Sergeant will be that time when the beautification of the Presidio as well as Crissy Field is a part of the assignment of this Sanitation Corps.

The Sergeant married Miss Ruth Russell of Lamesa, Texas on October

Honesty Pays Nice Dividends to Soldier

Ft. Bragg, N. C .- Pvt. John Vetter received a letter which had been forwarded from a reception center. He knew it was not for him because the sender, a young lady, had included a \$5 bill. He returned the communique-money and all. The young lady told her feminine coworkers about the incident. They all started writing -30 of 'em-and in the first batch of

WAR CHEST

The campaign for contributions to the San Francisco War Chest for the year 1943 has resulted in the following donations from the personnel of Letterman General Hospital:

422.00
189.13
520.70
55.61
26.50
363.10
123.25
13.35
51.40
33.00
,798.04

The Commanding General wishes to extend his expression of appreciation to all who contributed to the War Chest and notes with satisfaction that the figure reached in this campaign is a substantial increase over the amount subscribed last year.

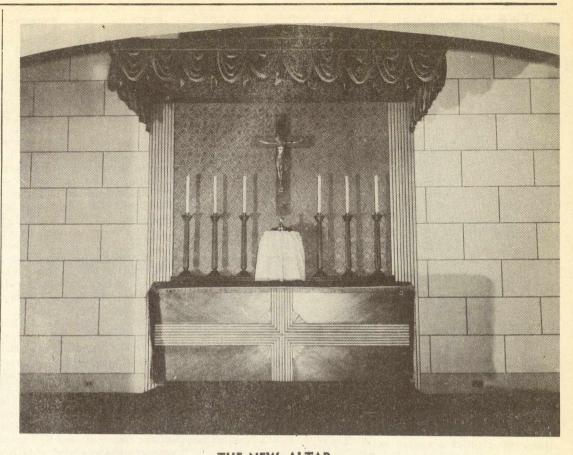
'Men Standing on Graves . . . Men Who No Longer Think'

A poignant story of the men of Nazi-conquered countries told by Chester Morrison, CBS Cairo correspondent on a recent broadcast has occasioned widespread comment. An officer at Fort Hamilton, New York, read the story to an officers' training class scheduled for overseas duty to show them as graphically as possible the calibre of men and women they were fighting to free from the bonds of Nazi domination.

This is the moving story Morrison told:

"I have talked and listened and even understood some things that are too overwhelming for you and me to understand. I feel truth coming out of this war—this ghastly war—and I hesitate to shake its hand.

"I've talked with men who are no longer capable of thinking, because nothing is left to them but the emotions of hatred and revenge. I've talked with Poles and Greeks and Czechs, with men standing on the graves of everything they love, and I've talked with men who are still able to project their minds ahead to serve him ou —to regular to regular to regular to serve him ou —to regular to regular t



THE NEW ALTAR
Shown in the photo is the New Altar that was of the improvement program. recently placed in the Post Chapel as a part

MOVING PICTURES

November 14 and 15:

ARE HUSBANDS NECESSARY—Ray Milland and Betty Field. Also Short Subjects.

November 17 and 18:

BLONDIE FOR VICTORY—Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake. Also Short Subjects.

November 19 and 20:

BASHFUL BACHELOR — Lum and Abner and Zazu Pitts. Also Short Subjects.

They Also Serve Who Repair Shoes

Boone, Ia.—Harry Devoogd, 25, a cobbler, finally is going to the Army—after an appeal to President-Roosevelt. He wrote the Commander-in-Chief telling him he wanted to serve but that his clubfoot kept him out. Now Devoogt will join up—to repair shoes.

into what remains of this-this century of blood.

"And the men who can think ... and those who cannot . . . are sad men."

Win a Yank Prize

All soldiers with Sherlockish Holmesical qualities and a flare for sleuthing have an opportunity to win free 12-month subscriptions to YANK, The Army Weekly, according to a full-page ad on the back page of YANK's November 11 issue.

The new contest which was announced this week, calls for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the following military oddities: Youngest Master Sergeant, Oldest Enlisted Man, Heaviest Man in the Army, Biggest Family of Men in the Army, Largest Feet in a Pair of G. I. Shoes, Marine Who Has Served in the Most Foreign Posts, Sailor Who Can Tie the Most Knots.

By mailing the names of culprits to YANK before December 1, 1942, soldier-detectives have a chance to receive the Army Weekly free of charge for a whole year. In addition, the winning "culprits" will be awarded identical prizes. Complete details of the contest will be found in YANK.

Serve in Silence

The Stork Was Here

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. R. L. Holmes, a daughter, Sharon Kay Holmes, born November 4, 1942, weight four pounds, one ounce.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Lester R. Caldwell, a daughter, Barbara Ann Galdwell, born November 5, 1942, weight seven pounds, twelve and one half ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John M. Fischer, a son, Russell Anthony Fischer, born November 7, 1942, weight eight pounds, four and one half ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Vernal J. Whitehead, a son, Dennis Brady Whitehead, born November 7, 1942, weight seven pounds, two ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert T. Watts, a daughter, Linda Lee Watts, born November 9, 1942, weight six pounds, four ounces.

> BE A NAZI KILL-JOY BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

WELL DONE

It is with pardonable pride that we note the amount of money contributed by the personnel of this command to the San Francisco War Chest in the annual campaign for funds to support that worthy cause.

In normal times the beneficiaries of the Community Chest are the local charitable organizations but in this year of the Great War it was felt the citizens of this community would wish to extend their good will in tangible form to the various relief agencies incidental to the war and knowing no boundary of community.

The expansion of the field to be covered in the campaign naturally meant an expansion in the list of donors and increase in the amount of the total donations. The confidence which prompted the expansion was confirmed in the generosity of the personnel of this command.

The idea of giving once and for all—the slogan of the campaign—makes a special appeal to those in favor of extending help to the helpless. It avoids a series of campaigns scheduled for different seasons of the year; it saves the energies of those good people who are always ready to volunteer for the work of canvassing potential contributors; it spares even the well intentioned from being pestered by too many appeals.

The personnel of Letterman has given once and for all; given very generously in answer to the appeal of the War Chest for funds with which to operate during the coming year.

In the words of our Commanding General, "It is an admirable contribution."



Captain "Willie Calden packing his grip, borrowing a coat from Major McGuinness, bumming a cigarette from Major Shoemaker, and high tailing it for the eastern seaboard aboard a train which he hopes will come back.

Nothing in army regulations, or the customs of the service, to discourage an officer from removing his hat on entering the Adjutant's Office.

Pvt. John Garula, who has been so ill on Ward F-1, now staging a rapid recovery to the deep satisfaction of Colonel Nolan, Miss O'Leary, and everyone on the ward.

Staff Sgt. Jack LaVella trying awfully hard not to look like a man who was recently married.

Tech. Sgt. Jack Sauerwein droping over for a visit from his new station at Fort Mason.

A milk bottle, nipple and all, made up as a present for Colonel William D. Herbert, now a patient on Ward A-1, but doing all right, according to his doctors.

The newlyweds—Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Rosco J. Willey, back at their jobs and receiving the congratulations of all who fear the power of the press and some who are just happy about it all.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding bells again rang out on the other side of the Sierras at Reno, Nevada, last Sunday, November 1, 1942, when Cpl. Verdean Herbold, of the Medical Detachment at Letterman Hospital took as his bride Miss Louise Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Summers of Gerome, Idaho. Mrs. Summers was present at the ceremony which took place at 3:15 Sunday afternoon.

San Jose, Cal.—Police followed their noses and blind instinct straight to where Harry Douglas, 62, had hidden a stolen suitcase and contents which he planned to sell. It contained garlic.



Greetings from the entire staff of the hospital are extended to the two newest members of the Army Nurse Corps stationed at Letterman:

Miss Betty Jane Scheave was born in Spokane, Washington, but came to California to attend the San Andreas High School. Her professional training was taken at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco, and after her graduation in 1941 she worked in general duty and private nursing at that hospital. Her appointment to the Army Nurse Corps became effective November 5, and her first station is Letterman Hospital.

Miss Opal Gelston was born in Doland, South Dakota, and went to high school in her native town. Her professional training was taken at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. After graduating in 1935 she stayed there and worked in neurosurgery until 1940, then came to California and worked at the Berkeley Hospital as a surgical nurse. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps on November 1, and stationed at Letterman Hospital.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Miss Gladys M. Crosno who received the promotion to Chief Nurse during the week.

New members to the staff are welcomed and we wish them a pleasant tour of duty. They are: Betty Jean Sheave, Anne W. D. Odom, Ressa Jenkins and Opal Gelston.

We bid au revoir to Miss Jean Kirkman and Miss Mary E. Bonde who go to Hammer Field; Miss Dorothy L. Butterworth, Miss Carolyn B. Matchey and Miss Mildred J. Lockwood who go to Fort Mason, and Miss Clara M. Duley, Miss Marguerite C. Cleaves and Miss Norma E. Thurow who go to the Presidio of San Francisco.

Private 'Steals' Lieutenant's Fiancee

Marianna, Fla.—Mamie Ruth Odum, enroute by bus to marry an Air Force lieutenant, met a private who said to her, "Give me until tomorrow noon and I'll talk you into marrying me instead."

He did.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, November 15, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the command is extended to Technical Sergeant Horace R. Ferguson on the death of his wife, Mrs. Irene Ferguson, which occurred on Wednesday evening of this week.

Deputy Chief of Chaplains Is a Bay Area Visitor

Colonel George E. Rixey, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, was a visitor to the Bay Area during the past week and covered the military stations in the vicinity as part of a tour of inspection of chaplain activities in the far west.

Chaplain Rixey is no stranger to these parts as he served a four-year tour at the Presidio of San Francisco and is a Californian at heart.

The Deputy Chief presided at a meeting of the chaplains located in this area and was a guest at dinner in the Officers' Club on Wednesday evening.

MORE ABOUT GUS

(Continued from page one)
transition from a white apron to
olive drab made no change in the
man so many of us know around
these parts and he still remains an
asset.

He was promoted to Corporal on November 4, 1942, and as he fondly caresses the stripes on his sleeve he remembers that General Marshall, General DeWitt, General Drum, General Lear, and numerous others now in high places of command were once corporals in this man's army.

Gus believes that what has been done can be done.

Serve in Silence

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



GLADYS M. CROSNO Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) ANC

Miss Gladys M. Crosno was born in Beaver City, Oklahoma, but moved with her family to Idaho where she attended grade school, and Madera, California, where she completed high school in 1927. She took her professional training at the San Jose Hospital, and finished in 1933. After spending three years at San Jose as a night supervisor she transferred to the University of California Hospital in San Francisco for one year. Following this she was at Dante Hospital for three and onehalf years. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps Reserve on February 19, 1941, and was stationed at Letterman General Hospital, Although she has remained at this hospital for almost a year she has moved extensively within its boundaries: from Surgery, Charge of Officers' Ward, Orthopedic, and Medical Side. She received her silver bars of First Lieutenant on November 5

On being asked what she liked to do best outside of her nursing duties she quicky answered "Sleep-I could sleep the clock around if I had a chance." But in her waking hours the outdoor sports which she enjoys most are swimming and horseback riding.

And as a Chief Nurse she will have less time than ever for sleeping purposes. That is one of the penalties which is attached to being a boss lady in this army or out of it although being a boss does have its compensations.

What do you think?

BE A NAZI KILL-JOY BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

WHAT THE ARMY HEARS VIA THE RADIO WHEN IT TUNES IN

The average soldier prefers radio programs of dance music, news broadcasts, comedy programs and sports events, and doesn't care too much for serial dramas, operas, symphonies or hillbilly music, according to a survey conducted in Army camps throughout the United States by the Research Branch, Special Service Division, the War Department has announced.

Approximately one soldier out of six owns a radio, the survey disclosed, and slightly more than half the men listen to a program at some time during a typical weekday. Forty per cent said there are certain programs they would like to hear but cannot, the chief reasons being that there is no radio convenient. that programs come through when they are unable to listen, or that they have difficulty in getting the stations that carry them.

For some reason, more soldiers listen on Thursday than on any other weekday, and of those who listen on this day, 26 per cent tune in on morning programs, 29 per cent during midday hours and 52 per cent in the evening.

The listening peak on a typical weekday morning is from 6:15 to 7:00 o'clock; at midday from 12:15 to 12:45, and in the evening from 7:00 to 8:30 o'clock. The majority listen to programs in their barracks.

Popular music, sweet and dance music, is the favorite program, the survey showed, with 87 per cent of the soldiers questioned expressing a like for this type of broadcast, 3 per cent expressing dislike and 10 per cent expressing no opinion.

Second in popularity are news broadcasts, reports and comments on current happenings, liked by 86 per cent, disliked by 3 per cent and 11 per cent expressing no preference.

Comedy programs, gags and funrly plays are liked by 85 per cent, disliked by 4 per cent and 11 per cent voiced no opinion.

Sports broadcasts, news and reviews of athletic activities are liked by 69 per cent, disliked by 10 per cent, and no opinion from 21 per

Variety programs, offering several different kinds of entertainment, are favored by 66 per cent, disliked by 9 per cent, and no opinion from 25 per cent.

Popular music of the swing type,

62 per cent, disapproved by 16 per cent, and 22 per cent expressed no opinion.

Radio plays, complete in one broadcast, are also approved by 62 per cent, disliked by 13 per cent and 25 per cent voiced no opinion

Old familiar music, ballads, folk songs and tunes of long ago, are liked by 57 per cent, disliked by 15 per cent, and no opinion from 28 per

Quiz programs are also liked by 57 per cent, disliked by 17 per cent, and no preference by 26 per cent.

Hill-billy and western music are approved by 42 per cent, disapproved by 33 per cent, and no opinion from 25 per cent

Special event programs, including on-the-spot descriptions of ceremonies and other events, are favored by 39 per cent, disliked by 22 per cent. and no opinion from 39 per cent.

Classical music, broadcasts of symphonies, opera and other "serious" music are approved by 32 per cent. disliked by 35 per cent, and 33 per cent expressed no preference.

Serial dramas, stories that are continued from one broadcast to another, are approved by only 16 per cent, while 57 per cent disliked such broadcasts and 27 per cent expressed no opinion.

Three Presidents To Be Heard on Special P.I. Day Program

Presidents of three nations-the United States, Mexico and the Philiippines-collaborate over three national networks Sunday, November 15, to help observe Philippine Commonwealth Day.

The program opens in the new ballroom of the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C., when the Philippine soprano, Enya Gonzalez, sings 'Planting Rice" with a piano accompaniment by Rudolfo Cormejo. Then, also from the Shoreham, President Manuel L. Quezon of the Philippine Commonwealth speaks, and the United States Marine Band plays the Philippine National Anthem.

Next, President Manuel Avila Camacho of Mexico speaks in Spanish from Mexico City. A running translation of his talk is to be given in English. On conclusion of his talk, hot, scat and jive, are approved by the Marine Band in Washington Band.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



WILLIAM G. O'BRIEN Pyt., Medical Detachment

With an "en garde" Private William G. O'Brien steps to the fore. Bill, who happens to be one of the top fencers on the Pacific Coast, is a home town product, being born in San Francisco on September 20, 1913.

Living in Frisco all his life, he. upon completion of high school, attended San Francisco State College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree, having majored in history and government. While in school he took a fancy to fencing, being tutored by Dan Farmer who was instructor at the college.

Upon graduation he furthered his study of the sport under the renowned Hans Halberstadt, former captain of the German Olympic Team, and International Champion Eric Funke E'Egnuff. Bill was a member of the same team with his teacher Halberstadt which was entered in the Northern California and Pacific Coast tournaments. They were winners in the former and runners-up in the latter.

Bill became equally adept with all three fencing weapons, the foil, saber and epee, and won forty-two medals by winning or placing in official competition. He was a member of a three-man team, the other two being Captain Schweidell of the Field Artillery and Major Irwin of the Signal Corps, entered in the United States Nationals held on Treasure Island during the Golden Gate International Exposition. Bill has met and defeated representatives of teams from Germany, France, Austria, Holland, Cuba, etc.

plays the Mexican National Anthem.

Finally, President Roosevelt has the networks and the program concludes with the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the Marine

SPECIAL

Welcome is extended to the new member of our ranks, T/5th Grade Fred B. Hartzell. Fred has had a tough time of it in the hospital and we are glad to see him back in shape and ready to begin his new duties with us.

The School Detachment went well over the "flood-tide" with their contributions to the San Francisco War Chest. Praises and thanks are due to the students who offered their bit despite the fact that they are also contributing to similar organizations back at their own bases. As usual, gang, you did a swell job.

Congratulations are in order for S/Sgt. James Winkleman. He has finally admitted a desire for the happiness and bliss of married life. The wedding will be soon and the best we can wish for Jim is that he makes as good a husband as he has a soldier. * * *

Will S/Sgt. W. K. Selvey please explain the new expression he has coined - "ZUPTUMEE" - sounds more like a sneeze, but those in the know claim it has a deeper meaning.

Many promotions have come in for the students of the various schools, and with the promise of more to come, we hope the boys get busy with their studies and go after the higher ratings that are sure to come to those who are willing to work for them. Go to it, fellows, this is only the beginning.

FAMILIAR FACES ABOUT TOWN: 1st Sgt. H. W. Hablitzel at the opera.

S/Sgt. J. E. Winkleman attending the opening of the concert season. Cpl. D. P. Cook at the Literary Club.

T/5th Grade B. E. Sloan attending a musical recital at a local studio.

1st Sgt. W. H. Sink on the golf links.

Sgt, J. P. Shea, T/4th Grade D. E. Stone and T/4th Grade D. E. Stone Stone and T/4th Grade C. C. Hoppel, lolling about at the "CLUB."

Serve in Silence

FORMER FOGHORN FEATURE WRITER BRINGS BACK BARS TO BRIDE



JAMES L. GLEESON 2nd Lieut., Infantry, U. S. Army

Back from the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, came this week Second Lieutenant James Leonard Gleeson with the gold bars of his new rank glistening in the California sunlight.

Readers of the FOGHORN will remember his as the "Jim" Gleeson who wrote so many of our feature stories during the earlier part of the year and we gave him a grand send off when he left for Beaning. A send off that survived to plague him for the length of the course as a candidate and for which he still remains unthankful to our staff.

Copy for this issue was being assembled when Jim blew in and there was a story in itself. Jim spoke briefly of his stay at Benning and at greater length about the reason for his presence in San Francisco. Her name is Helen Marie Kelly and like all the good Irish she continues with Jim and his bride.

to live in the Mission district of the town.

Helen has been waiting all this time for Jim to come back and now her patience has been rewarded. Yesterday morning in the Post Chapel she became Mrs. James L. Gleeson at a nuptial Mass celebrated by the post chaplain, Lieut. Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. In a few days the young couple will leave for somewhere in Texas-the location of the post to which Lieut. Gleeson has been as-

Jim has a word of advice to the candidates who are still hoping to get to Benning. It is a tough course for tough men and interior decorators are in no demand on the banks of the Upatoi.

The best of good wishes go along

A welcome is extended: Privates Robert D. Wood, Philip M. Matthews and Patrick J. Sullivan.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Anthony L. Domingos and Lorenzo Hawkins, appointed Sergeants; Harold R. Dugay and Ira B. Carlton appointed Technicians Fourth Grade; August J. Piette and Harold M. Junso, appointed Corporals; Thomas F. Howell, appointed Technician Fifth Grade; and Alfredo H. Armendariz appointed Private First Class.

The best of luck is extended the following men who left this station during the week. They are: T/3rd Grade John A. Harrell, T/4th Grade Solomon Katz, T/5th Grade Norman N. Grav and Privates Milton D. Carlson, Aage Hejlesen, Eugene C. Pirtle, Hayden D. Box, Ruben J. Eberhardt, Ray L. Bowman, Clarence W. Kelly, Frank Tiskanich, David A. Stutting and Edward H. Tonies.

Success to Privates Lawrence E. Evans and Edmond E. Kubiak who were appointed Aviation Cadets and left this station for training. . . .

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Former Sgt. James L. Gleeson, back visiting Letterman. * * *

Sgt. Douglas Gabb presenting a very beautiful engagement ring to Miss Rose Buonocore.

That there will be no basketball team for Letterman this season. 雅 雅 雅

S/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., approaching Sgt. Chester J. Caldwell's Detached Service Record.

Service Men Eat Airmailed Hot Dogs

Ft. Greely, Alaska-An eatery near here ran out of hot dogs and could not replenish its supply from any local point. The proprietor wired to Anchorage, nearest place where replacements were available, for 100 pounds to be shipped by airmail, Shipping costs were 20c per pound but this didn't halt soldiers and sailors from buying them when they arrived. They sold like hot dogs.

Keglers Back in The Groove, Lose Another Pair

The Letterman Keglers ran up against too great a team last Friday night at the Broadway Van Ness Alleys and were on the losing end by a score of 2 to 1. The absence of the ead-off man on the Acme Beer team enabled them to use his blue book average of 175 for three games, and with the odds all in their favor they were able to win the first and last games of the series.

The Medics dropped back from third place position to fifth because of their twin loss. Sgt. Henry Kuntz was high bowler for the evening with a 558 triple, and close behind him was Sgt. Wilcox with a 557. Sgt. Kuntz ran into trouble the last game, starting out with a double split and then a miss, and had to get four strikes in a row to get a 181 score

Corporal Marano was third high with a 542 triple with games of 147 214, and 181,

There was only one pin difference between Sgt. Yohe and Sgt. Mottier, with Yohe getting a 508 and Mottier

In the San Francisco Semi-Major Traveling League the Army YMCA team still holds last place position and has finally started winning games. Sgt. Kuntz has predicted the YMCA team to be among the first three before the end of the year. Two men from Lettermen are on the team, Sgt. Kuntz and Sgt. Wilcox, and the other three men are from the Fourth Army Military Police. The San Francisco city champion has been signed up for the YM CA team because he is in the armed

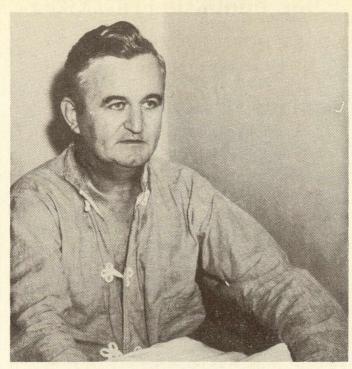
Following are the results of the Friday night games:

ACME BEER

ACME DEEL						
Schoenberger	175	175	175	525		
Sorich	164	176	178	518		
Maule	184	214	168	566		
Henbue	157	144	147	448		
Knorr	212	170	209	591		
Total	892	879	879	2648		
LETTERMAN HOSPITAL						
Kuntz	191	187	181	558		
Yohe	149	199	160	508		
Marano	147	214	181	542		
Wilcox	182	193	182	557		
Mottier	172	172	163	507		
Total	841	960	863	2664		

Serve in Silence

SERGEANT SULLIVAN SOJOURNING HERE HOPING TO BE FIT FOR ANOTHER FIGHT



FRANCIS SULLIVAN Master Sergeant, Engineers, U. S. Army

A definite credit both to the Army | duty. He was with the First Division, and to the country which he has so splendidly served is Master Sergeant the last division back. Francis C. Sullivan, a "fighting Irishman" if there ever was one.

"Old Sarge" now hospitalized on Ward F-2 was born January 24, 1895 in Buffalo, New York, where he attended, upon completion of high school, an engineering school that was later to determine his army future. Upon his graduation from said school he obtained a position with the State Highway Commission of New York, working in the capacity of an engineer.

But, January 10, 1913 found Sgt. Sullivan paying heed to an urge to join the service, enlisting in an Infantry outfit. Because of his knowledge he was soon transferred to the Engineers, and stationed at Texas City, Texas.

Just before our entrance in the last World War, Frank was part of the Army Forces sent to Mexico on the Punitive Expedition. The purlivan again being assigned to combat ing here September 15, 1942.

the first of our forces across, and

The sergeants fighting spirit, and the gallantry he displayed in action, earned for him, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star Medal, and the Purple Heart in appreciation of his service from the United States; along with the French decoration, Croix de Guerre and the Italian Cross of War. It is interesting to note, that he received the Purple Heart Medal for gallantry in action months before he received the first of the three wounds he was to suffer in later battle.

In the ensuing years that followed the Armistice, the sergeant was very active in Army Athletics, particularly so in Football, Basketball and Baseball. After participating nigh Gee, I wish that you were here. onto seventeen years, he took on the responsibility to coach the Football Team for three years.

At the outset of this world conflagration, Frank was stationed at pose of which was to quiet down Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, witness-Pancho Villa, then causing quite a ing once again the terrible devastadisturbance. This, however, was tion of war. It was while on duty soon forgotten with the advent of in Hawaii that he became ill and the United States declaration of war placed in a station hospital; eventuon Imperial Germany; Sergeant Sul- ally transferred to Letterman, arriv-

Laff of the Week-

Ft. Slocum, N. Y.—Recently, while taking his daily hike here Col. Bernard Lentz, the Commanding Officer of the Post, observed a couple seated on a bench. The soldier and his girl compan-ion were so engrossed in each other's company that they did not notice the Colonel's approach. Finally, with the C.O. standing beside them, the girl looked up, startled, while her companion was too dumbfounded to move.

"Lady," said Colonel Lentz, your boy-friend a soldier?"

"No, sir," came the answer, "he's my husband."

G.I. Poem

Rise by the G. I. bugle, Dress in the G. I. style, The sergeant walks by in his G. I. way. And gives you a G. I. smile.

Clean the place with G. I. soap, Then it's time for G. I. chow, Your G. I. ham and eggs are cold Your face shows a G. I. scowl.

Scrub your teeth with a G. I. brush, Give your shoes a G. I. shine, Hear the G. I. whistle blow, Fall out in a G. I. line.

Time for G. I. inspection, Straighten that G. I. tie, Did you shave with your G. I. razor? Then you tell a G. I. lie.

A G. I. march this morning, boys, On the well-known G. I. double, If you miss one G. I. step, You'll catch some G. I. trouble.

After ten G. I. miles, Your G. I. corns are worse, You go on G. I. sick call, And try to date the G. I. nurse.

In the evening a G. I. haircut, Til your G. I. scalp shines through, While at the G. I. Post Exchange, You have some G. I. brew.

When the G. I. day is over Return to your G. I. dwelling, Limp into your G. I. bed, Those G. I. corns are swelling.

Time for some G. I. dreaming, Of the one back home so dear, Oh, my darling angel-

-By Pvt. F. J. Fox Camp Chaffee, Ark

Duty Exempt Parcels Go To Forces in India

Washington - No customs duties are enforced on parcels addressed to members of the United States armed forces in India, according to an announcement by the Agency General for that country.

OUR CAMERAMEN



FRANCIS P. MONTBRIAND Master Sgt., Signal Corps

Non-commissioned Officer in Charge of the Signal Corps Photo Lab at the Presidio of San Francisco, and a veteran of six years service in the regular army, he has been stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, Washington, D. C., Philippine Islands, and Fort Douglas, Utah, prior to his present assignment.

While in the Philippines he had the honor of photographing many of the distinguished officers whose names are household words. General MacArthur, General Wainwright, General King, General Moore and Admiral Hart. It was also his privilege to interview and photograph First Lieutenant Josephine Nesbitt, Army Nurse Corps, on her arrival in the Philippines in 1940. Lieut. Nesbitt subsequently became a heroine to the world by her service on Bataan and Corregidor.

Sgt. Montbriand returned from the Philippines just prior to the outbreak of the present war and now we keep him busy shooting individuals and scenes for publication in the Fog Horn.

Live-Shell Operation Risks Medics' Lives

Brighton, England—A live Messer-schmitt cannon shell about .9 of an inch in diameter was removed from a man's leg in an operation performed here. All during the time the shell was imbedded in the victim's leg there was danger it might explode. Despite this the surgeons risked their lives to accomplish the delicate job of extracting it without setting it off.

Serve in Silence

ONE HUNDRED PERCENTERS

COOKS, NURSES QUARTERS

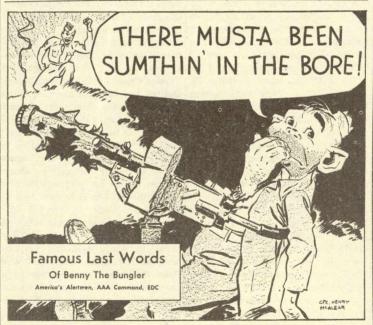
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PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

LAUNDRY SEAMSTRESSES
LAUNDRY MECHANIC
ATTENDANTS NURSES QUARTERS
HOUSEKEEPER, NURSES QUARTERS
LIBRARY
DIETITIANS
CHIEF NURSE'S OFFICE
POST CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE
UNIT PERSONNEL OFFICE
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICE

Civilian employees of the above departments have exceeded the quota desired by the Secretary of War in the campaign for participation of civilian employees of the War Department in the purchase of Bonds by payroll deduction.

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Beauty, from A to Z

Washington—The girls back home working for the Government have decided to run a beauty contest. Entered so far are: Miss OPA, Miss WPB, Miss FSA, Miss WAR, Miss OWI, and Miss Republic 7500. The last named is a telephone number.

'Hotfoot' Proves Hotbed

Warrensburg Air Base, Mo.—Pvt.
"Tiny" Flynn jumped from his cot
one night with a burning sensation
in his foot. He thought he was the
object of a "hotfoot" prank. Investigation showed his mattress was on
fire. Damage was slight.

MORE ABOUT NURSES

(Continued from page one) wooden ones in other quarters—said the nurses expected living conditions to be far worse.

"We're getting along fine, and have started a little vegetable garden—green vegetables are one of the things we miss the most," she said. "We work there in the evenings when it's cool."

"Clothes certainly are no problem—we just wear whatever's handiest. We packed all our stockings and other silk stuff in mason jars, because otherwise the white ants eat them up."

At another shack, medical officers were laboriously censoring the patients' outgoing mail—great stacks of it, as soldiers with nothing else to do write a lot of letters.

Maj. J. Cooper, unit commander and a doctor in San Diego, Calif., for 17 years, held up one letter written in pale pencil.

"Wonder if that will go through," he said. Then he read a little further and chuckled.

"It had better go through—he's asking her to marry him."

Among the nurses now stationed in New Guinea are:

Helen Lawson, Athens, Tex., Juanita Godwin, Ontario, Canada, Edith Whittaker, Pawtucket, R. I., Edith Vowell, Palmetta, Fla., Ruth Banter, Wooster, O., Mary Jacobs, Hornell, N. Y., Sarah Patterson, Baltimore, Margaret Blackwood, Greensboro, N. C., Florence Green, Philadelphia, Irene Gabryolek, Johnstown, Pa., Mary Kravitz, Plymouth, Pa., Alma Madeson, Philadelphia, Maude Patterson, Wheatley, Pa., and Jean Webster, North Weymouth, Mass.

Big Feet Bring Second Honeymoon

Indianapolis — Lawrence Williams got married just before he entered the Army. Unlike other draftees he could not be shipped out from his reception center because he could not be outfitted completely—there were no shoes in camp big enough for him. Result: He got a few extra days of honeymoon while waiting for the Army to shoe him.

Soldier Writes Movie, Ushers at Its Showing

Ft. Ord, Calif.—Pvt. Lynn Riggs wrote the script for "Destination Unknown" before he entered the Army. Recently when the picture was shown at the Post theater here he served as an usher.

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No Hoilday But a **Turkey Dinner for** Thanksgiving Day

The current reports about the general scarcity of food will not prevent the patients and personnel of Letterman General Hospital from celebrating this Thanksgiving Day in the traditional manner, according to Captain Rex P. Clayton, officer in charge of the mess.

In keeping with custom there will be table decorations as well as food in abundance and a special menu has been prepared for the occasion. The cover for the menu card was designed by Technician 5th Grade Bruce E. Sloan, who is a member of the detachment at the enlisted Technicians School of this command.

The food on the menu will be entirely prepared in the kitchen of the hospital under the direction of Captain Clayton and his able assistant, Technical Sergeant William C. Muhic. Sufficient food for two thousand dinners has been ordered for the day.

For the patients inhibited by internal ailments from participating in the feast there will be prepared tempting delicacies in the hope they may be induced to share in the general enthusiasm generated on all sides on the occasion of this national holiday. The menu arranged by Captain Clayton and approved by General Weed appears in the adjoining column.

Purple Heart Arrives 20 Years Later

Dallas, Tex.-A recommendation for the Order of the Purple Heart for Dick L. Rivers was found when his record was checked as a result of his application for re-enlistment in the Marine Corps. The recommendation resulted from his conduct during a battle of World War I.



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MENU

Cream of Asparagus Soup

Crackers

Roast Turkey

Giblet Gravy

Sage Dressing

Cranberry Sauce

Mashed Sweet Potatoes

Corn on the Cob

Celery Hearts

Ripe Olives

Pumpkin Pie

Mince Pie

Ice Cream

Fruit Cake

Bread

Butter

Candies

Fruits

Nuts

Cider

Cigars

Cigarettes

Coffee

Our New Chaplain A Very Welcome Asset to Hospital

The chaplain of benevolent mien and paternal approach who has been observed visiting the sick on the wards during the past week is Chaplain Donld M. MacNeil, newly assigned to duty at this station.

Chaplain MacNeil is a native of Roxbury, Massachusetts, and attended the Springfield, Massachusetts, International College, the Bangor Theological Seminary at Bangor, Maine, the Connecticut School of Religious Education at Hartford and the Hartford Theological Seminary, prior to his ordination in the Congregational Church ministry at Boston, Massachusetts, in 1925.

After his ordination, Chaplain MacNeil, mindful of Horace Greeley's well known advice "Go west. young man," came to Washington State where for a time he served as a chaplain among the lumberiacks in a lumbering community, and later as a pastor in a Community Church in a farming area. He returned to Connecticut in 1931 where he served as pastor of the First Congregational Church for six years.

As he puts it in his own words, "the call of the west was irresistible" so he and his family returned to Spokane, Washington, where he served as pastor of the Hillyard Congregational Church for a period of five years.

He volunteered for service as an Army Chaplain in October of this year and was assigned to Camp Roberts, from which station he reported to this hospital on November 10. Chaplain MacNeil is married and has four children, but at present his family is making their home at Yakima, Washington.

First impressions of our new chaplain have been most favorable and we look to see his influence grow

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KENNEDY SERVED THREE TOURS AS C. O. OF LETTERMAN

The distinction of serving three tours of duty as the Commanding Officer of Letterman General Hospital belongs to the late Brigadier General James Madison Kennedy, who was the fourth in succession in the historical record of this organization.

General Kennedy was born in Troy, South Carolina, December 4, 1865, and attended the local schools there during his boyhood days. He received his A.B. from the College of South Carolina in 1884, his degree of M.D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Maryland, 1892, and the degree of LL.D., University of South Carolina, in 1928.

General Kennedy was appointed Assistant Surgeon May 12, 1893, became a Captain and Assistant Surgeon October 24, 1898, a Major Surgeon May 20, 1907, Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps, May 23, 1916, Colonel, Medical Corps, May 15, 1917, and Brigadier General, Medical Department, March 3, 1926. He retired December 4, 1929, and died in the Letterman General Hospital October 15, 1930. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the S.S.C. and Navy Cross.

As a young medical officer General Kennedy served at western posts until 1897. The outbreak of the Spanish American War found him at Fort Washington, Maryland, and he went south to join the 5th Army Corps from that station. He organized an ambulance company and arrived with it in Cuba in time to be of great service in removing the wounded from the field of battle to the base at Sibony. It was in this campaign that General Kennedy first showed marked ability as an officer who could accomplish great things under adverse conditions.

Before he left the island of Cuba he had contracted malaria, from which it took him years to recover. On account of this disability he was allowed to remain at the Letterman General Hospital until 1900, when he went to the Philippine Islands where he was the principal assistant to the Chief Surgeon for two years during the most trying days of the Philippine Insurrection. Upon his return to the United States he again took station at the Letterman General Hospital for a long period of time. The great medical service at the hospital was built up under his guiding hand.



JAMES MADISON KENNEDY Brigadier General, U. S. Army

1913 to 1916, and on the Mexican tribution to the Medical Service of Border from 1916 to 1917.

When our country entered the World War he was selected for the responsible and arduous duty of Surgeon of the Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, and for the period of the war and until the repatriation of our troops had charge of the Medical Services at the great port of New He served in Honolulu from 1910 York. General Kennedy looked up- pital from 1924 to 1926, and the Army

to 1913, at Jefferson Barracks, from on this service as his greatest conthe Army. His work at Hoboken was the heaviest responsibility carried by any Medical Officer during the World War.

> He commanded the Letterman General Hospital from 1919 to 1922, was Chief Surgeon of the Philippine Department from 1922 to 1924, commanded the Letterman General Hos-

Medical Center from February, 1926, to the date of his retirement, December 4, 1929.

In his early days in the Medical Corps General Kennedy was looked upon by his associates as an officer of constructive ability who would be heard from as the years went by. The Philippine Insurrection gave him the special opportunity to show this organizing ability, and as principal assistant in the Philippines to the Chief Surgeon there, Col. Charles R. Greenleaf and Col. Benjamin F. Pope, he showed a complete grasp of the needs of the Medical Department at the most trying periods in the very difficult situation there. He was trusted implicitly by both Colonel Greenleaf and Colonel Pope.

General Kennedy was a great administrator of general hospitals. Letterman General Hospital was most fortunate in having his guiding hand at the helm during so many years of the splendid history of that institution. He came to the Army Medical Center after construction there had started, but more than half of the building of that new hospital was started or completed under his administration. He seemed to understand thoroughly the basic things necessary for the construction of that center, and the officers who serve there for the next generation will benefit by his constructive work. And the patients who have been and who will go to the two great army hospitals that he did so much in organizing will be the beneficiaries of his splendid work.

General Kennedy was an excellent physician and a splendid surgeon. For years he had charge of the big surgical service at Letterman General Hospital. He was always at his best when he was ministering to the sick.

It is fitting that General Kennedy should have been tenderly cared for in the Letterman General Hospital during his last days, where he had spent so much of his active service in the Army building up a great institution that could properly care for the sick and injured.

At the entrance to the Receiving Office there is a bronze plaque errected to the memory of General Kennedy by his associates in the Medical Department of the United States Army. But more lasting than bronze is the deep affection in which he was held by all who enjoyed the privilege of knowing him in life.

Army Nurses Need Not Be Bachelor Girls Exclusively

A recent circular issued by the War Department explains the policy governing the appointment in military service of married nurses as follows:

For the duration of the war and six months subsequent thereto, married nurses who meet all other requirements for military service will be accepted for appointment in the Army Nurse Corps.

In carrying out this provision the following policy will govern:

Nurses will not be retained or assigned at the same post, camp or station where husbands are stationed. In the event of such an incident, the commanding officer will be responsible for requesting her transfer to another service command.

Only those nurses who are willing to accept assignment unreservedly will be accepted.

Nurses with minor children will be accepted only when adequate provision has been made for the care of such children outside military reser-

Commutation of quarters is not authorized for members of the Army Nurse Corps except where public quarters are not available.

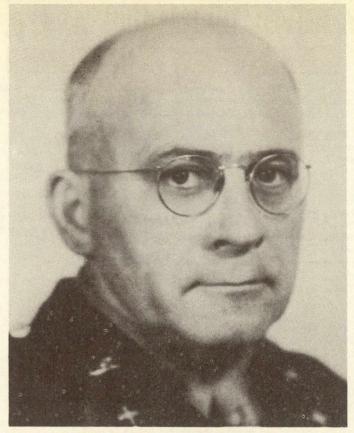
Army nurses retained in services under the provisions of Circular No. 317, which refers to those who married while on active duty will have the same status, relative to assignment and commutation of quarters as single nurses.

The maiden name of Army nurses married while in service will be retained on official records unless change to married name is specifically requested.

Army Hospitals Serve On All Fronts

San Antonio, Tex .- "An enormous and far-flung chain of hospitals" pitals" is being operated by the Army Medical Corps, said Maj. Gen. James C. Magee, Surgeon General, at a meeting of military doctors here. He added that medical supply facilities had kept pace with the growth of demands.

The efficiency of the Army system of sorting and evacuating wounded was proved at Pearl Harbor. Sulfa drugs and blood banks took much of the credit for the medical victory there, but the General pointed out that medicine and skill would have been almost useless without efficient sorting and



DONALD M. MacNEIL Chaplain (1st Lieut.) U. S. Army Who joined the Letterman staff last week

Smart Sergeant Smears KP Plot

Camp Berkeley, Tex. - A private, stuck with KP, bought out for a sum of \$6 which he paid to another 7th grader who agreed with an eye for business, bought out by making arrangements with a third, but the fee this time was only \$3. The third man passed by the orderly room to ask to be sure to be awakened by the CQ. The sergeant on CQ smelled a rat when a man asked to be awakened on time. Investigation brought the whole business into the light. All three of the privates pulled KP, and all money was returned to its original owner.

Ma! Send Recipes

London-Things are cookin' in Britain, English housewives are going to learn to make Johnny Cake and apple pie so Amerks can enjoy real home cooking when they receive invitations to dinner. The Ministry of Food has announced a plan to demonstrate preparation of American dishes throughout England.

Real Early Morning Serenade for Colonel Munteanu

Officers and men of the "New" army became acquainted with one to take over. The second man, of the nicer traditions of the "Old" army early on Tuesday morning of this week when the Station Band serenaded Colonel George Munteanu, Commanding Officer of the Presidio of San Francisco, on the occasion of his birthday.

> The custom calls for the band to form in the vicinity of the Commanding Officer's quarters before reveille and sound forth with "Happy Birthday" and incidental pieces while disturbing the peace of the early morn, but tradition has it that the little ceremony never fails to get the C. O. well started on a good

On this occasion some of the neighbors on the adjoining post awakened with a growl but before the band finished they too were wishing Colonel Munteanu many happy returns of the day.

Oakland Police Cooperate in Locating Mother

A demonstration of the fact that policemen no longer confine their activities to playing on the side of society in the adult game of "Cops and Robbers" was given in the speedy cooperation by the Police Department of the City of Oakland one evening this week.

A patient on one of the wards of this hospital became seriously ill and a telegram was sent to his mother at an address in Oakland. Her failure to acknowledge receipt of the message led to an investigation, disclosing that the telegram had not been delivered as she was unknown at the address given.

The "Information Office" of the telephone company reported no such name at address given and no phone listed at that number for any other

A call to the headquarters of the Oakland Police Department was answered by Sergeant Olson-Desk Sergeant on duty. The problem was outlined to him and he promised a report. Less than twenty minutes later the Sergeant telephoned to report that a sister of the woman sought lived two doors away. She 'had been located by policemen in a squad car dispatched by Sgt. Olson and had communicated with her sister. In a short time the mother appeared here at the hospital to visit with her sick son.

A bouquet to the Oakland Police for their cooperation.

The Stork Was Here

To Captain and Mrs. Paul F. Chenea, a daughter, Susanne Louise Chenea, born November 11, weight six pounds, eight ounces.

To Major and Mrs. Claude C. Sturges, Jr., a daughter, Anna Carol Sturges, born November 15, weight seven pounds, ten and one half

To First Sergeant and Mrs. William Hayward DeLong, a son, Richard Hayward DeLong, born November 16, weight eight pounds, six ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Richard H. Jones, a son, Timothy Edward Jones, born November 17, weight eight pounds, one ounce.

> BE A NAZI KILL-JOY BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

BUY BONDS

Last week we experienced deep pleasure in complimenting the command on the generous response to the appeal for funds for the War Chest. The civilian employees made an excellent showing on the returns as listed.

We would like to be in a position to exult over the showing made by our civilian employees in the campaign for the purpose of War Bonds by the payroll deduction plan. We regret there is so little to be proud of.

The goal for the special campaign is to have at least ninety per cent of our employees subscribe ten per cent or more of their pay in regular payroll deductions. To date sixty per cent of our staff has subscribed to the extent of six per cent of their pay. To state the case briefly—we are only two-thirds of the way to the goal set for the campaign.

The purchase of War Savings Bonds to the limit of every employee's ability is a privilege and a duty, and a way of serving our country. This is a personal challenge since everyone of us is in the war. No one can escape it sconsequences. The money invested in War Savings Bonds buys needed weapons to protect our homes, our jobs, and perhaps our lives. The money we turn over to the Government NOW will help win the war. When the Government returns it to us it will help win the Peace. Let's make help win the Peace.

LET'S MAKE OUR GOAL!

BE A BLOOD DONOR TODAY SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW

Serve in Silence



We wish to extend a warm welcome to the following nurses who have joined us for the duration:

Miss Mary Elizabeth Rapp was born in Salt Lake City, attended East High School in that city, graduating in 1936, and went two years to the St. Mary of Wasatch College. She took her nurses' training at St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake, receiving her diploma in 1942. On joining the Army Nurse Corps Reserve she was stationed at Letterman General Hospital where she took her oath on November 10, 1942. She enjoys a good fast game of tennis as her favorite outdoor fun.

Miss Helen Gribble claims Hagerman, Idaho, as her home town, and finished her high school course there. She attended the St. Mark's Hospital School of Nursing in Salt Lake City, finishing in 1940. After taking a post graduate course in pediatrics at Cook County Hospital in Chicago for six months she returned to St. Mark's as supervisor in the Childrens Department for one year. She was sworn in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve on November 10, 1942, at Letterman Hospital. Horseback riding takes up her extra time outdoors, while she enjoys dancing as her favorite indoor pas-

Miss Mary E. Guilfoyle's native town was Edgemont, South Dakota, where she attended high school. She completed her professional training at St. Charles Hospital in Aurora, Illinois, in 1936 and entered the Army Nurse Corps in July of 1937. Her first station was at Fitzsimons General Hospital from 1937 until 1940. when she went to Schofield Barracks to be stationed at the North Sector General Hospital for two years and four months, until her return to the Mainland last Thursday. November 12. Her particular hobby is photography-with colored film and a movie camera.

Miss Elizabeth Barrett was born in Dendron, Virginia, and went to the local high school. She took her nurses' training at Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, graduating in 1933. After a post graduate course at Cook County Hospital



Lieut, Charles H. Mohun getting a special mention in the "Sporting Green" of the San Francisco Chronicl.e

Warrant Officer Irving Glick celebrating the twentieth anniversary of his wedding standing by on emergency group duty.

Capt. Douglas H. Throwell, our genial "sheriff," going in for decalcomania for the coming year. Not a form of madness though it could be.

A letter from Aviation Cadet Warren Box, now at Santa Monica, and expecting his wings in the not too distant future. He sends greeting to the men in the detachment.

Pvt. Tony Mangianelli going back into the show business if he can find enough talent to put on a program in the Recreation Center.

Pvt. Benjamin Dennis arguing that a good cigar is a good disinfectant and the other patients on C-2 maintaining it was not even a good cigar.

pital in Chicago she entered the Army Nurse Corps in 1935 and was stationed at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., for eighteen months, and from there went to Langley Field for two years. Her next station was at Schofield Barracks from March, 1940, until last Thursday, November 12. Her outside interests include golf, bowling and photography.

Miss Margaret A. McWeeny has returned from sick leave and reported for duty and Miss Victoria Gerben has followed her good example.

Miss Lucille Chase, recently promoted to Chief Nurse, will move to a new field of usefulness at the Harmon General Hospital, Longview, Texas.

Miss Hilda C. Johnson has come from Camp Kohler to take a six months course in anesthesia.

Washington—More than 5,000,000 V-Mail letters have passed between United States servicemen and troops overseas and not a one has been lost. The announcement was made by Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War. V-Mail service began last June.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, November 22, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the command is extended to T/4th Gr. Edward A. Arnaiz and Mrs. Arnaiz on the death of the infant daughter, Florence Marilyn, which occured on Monday last.

Profane Language Not Popular with Gen. Washington

From Irving's "Life of Washington" we quote the following as a part of an order issued by George Washington to his troops:

"The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice hitherto little known in our American Army, is growing into fashion. He hopes that the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it and that both they and the men will reflect that we can little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our army if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this it is a vice so mean and low without any temptation that every man of sense and character detests and despises it.

(Signed) George Washington."

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATRE

November 21 and 22:

BEYOND THE BLUE HORIZON

—Dorothy Lamour and Richard

Denning. Also Short Subjects.

November 24 and 25:

THE MAGNIFICENT DOPE— Henry Fonda, Don Ameche and Lynn Bari. Also Short Subjects.

November 26 and 27:

MOON TIDE—Jean Gabin and Ida Lupino. Also Short Subjects.

Serve in Silence

BUCK OF THE WEEK



CLAYTON ALBERT OLSON Private, Medical Department

Private Clayton Albert Olson, now a member of the Detachment Office Personnel, hails from the great "Northwest," having been born in Tacoma, Washington, February 17, 1917. Clayton attended Stadium High School there, majoring in Bookkeeping and Machine Design, and also becoming star fullback on the school eleven in his junior and senior year.

Upon his graduation he immediatly obtained a position with a paint concern, where he remained two years; two years too long, according to his assertion. Next, he worked as a general clerk for an office equipment and printing establishment, but his constant ambition to do better urged him on to attend business college at night. His efforts were finally rewarded, when he received a Civil Service clerical position with the City Light Department.

But all this good fortune was put to and end, when a month after his obtaining this assignment Uncle Sam again beckoned, and "Clayt" was given a new job, as Private Olson of the United States Army. He was inducted July 20, 1942, and sent to Camp Lewis, Washington, where he remained but thirty-one days before his transfer to Letterman Hospital was effective.

Upon his arrival at LGH he was assigned immediately to the Detachment Office. He enjoys his work there very much, except for a few extra stripes that stand in his way. Said stripes belong to a certain skating sergeant and a couple of junior non-coms. Ahem. Don't get sore,

Poor "Clayt" misses old Tacoma and his lovely lady, Thelma, very, very much. His courtship is unique in that it started on Friday, the thirteenth, and was topped with his engagement occurring on the same date three years later.

THE WAR BOND OFFICER AND THE PERT YOUNG THING TALK IT OVER

War Bond Officer, the Pert Young simple, automatic, and more depend-Thing had been out gathering ammunition in the way of objections to what amounts to pressure on the civilian employees of the War Department in the purchase of War Bonds. The Pert Young Thing said "Of course I want to buy War Bonds but after all I have other obligations-taxes, insurance, dependents, besides we are paying off on a house.

The War Bond Officer answered, "We recognize that these must be met. But almost everyone has them, and we certainly cannot let them stand in the way of winning the war. If we lose, then what? What will our insurance and homes be worth? The first obligation of every American contemplate any interference with the payment of taxes, insurance, and debts. Employees are asked, however, to deny themselves many of the things to which they have become accustomed, and use the money which would otherwise be spent for the purchase of War Savings Bonds. In doing so, they may be more certain of having the things they want when the war is over."

The Pert Young Thing retorted, 'All right, but after all, I do not wish to commit myself to buying something I cannot afford." The WBO came back with "Nothing is accomplished without determination and effort. Employees should be able to adjust their expenditures by cutting down corners so that they will be able to lay aside a surprising amount without the pinch hurting too much. Encourage them to subscribe now and if they find, after giving the plan a fair trial, that they have over-committed themselves, they can cancel their authorization and authorize a new one in a smaller

The PYT countered with "How about the fact that my husband is already taking bonds through another source?" "Good!" replied the WBO, "You are fortunate to have two incomes and the employee should join the plan. It is necessary that all do their share by investing at least 10 per cent of their seperate income."

And the Pert Young Thing says, "I prefer to buy bonds through my bank or post office." The WBO answered, "This is hardly a good rea- bile Association.

Since the last interview with the | son. The Pay Reservation Plan is able. It avoids the "hit" or "miss" practice. It overcomes a forgetfulness and assures an uninterrupted program of savings each pay period with a minimum of effort on the part of the employee. This is no time for hit or miss methods and we should make every pay day-Bond Day. In comparison with the Pay Reservation Plan, buying through banks and post offices is time consuming and is certainly not so conductive to systematic savings. Regular savings enables the Government to estimate in advance the income from War Savings Bonds."

"But," frowned the Pert Young Thing, "I do not wish to commit myself to a long contract." The War is to his country. The plan does not Bond Officer leaned back in his chair and said "While the subscription to the Pay Reservation Plan is intended for the duration of the war, it may be revised or canceled when individual circumstances make such action necessary. Once a budget is adjusted to meet the deductions the inconvenience becomes less notice-

The PYT said finally, "Some of us have subscribed for bonds five or six months ago and have yet to receive any acknowledgement or receipt or bond. It would seem that whoever is managing the bond campaign could arrange to send some form of acknowledgement to those who subscribe." And the War Bond Officer admitted that very naturally people who make purchases expect to receive the goods for which they pay but in this instance due to the huge volume of business it would be impossible to send out receipts or ackowledgements to individuals. However, they should have a feeling of security in the Pay Reservation Plan, where the money cannot be lost and the Government can certainly stand behind its obligationsespecially when there are so many proofs of payment. It is believed that with the better organization of the payroll deduction plan subscribers will receive their receipts or bonds more promptly in the immediate fu-

USE OF RUBBER

Before the loss of main rubber sources, tires and tubes consumed 75 per cent of United States rubber, states the California State Automo-

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MARY KATHERINE CUPPY Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) ANC

To the tranquil town of Modesto, named in memory of the modesty of William Ralston, who declined the honor of having the new settlement named after him, went this week Miss Mary Katherine Cuppy, Chief Nurse, Army Nurse Corps, to assume her duties at the new Hammond General Hospital.

Miss Cuppy has been in the Army Nurse Corps since June 11, 1936, where she served at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, until October of 1940 when she came to duty at Letterman General Hospital. She was promoted to Chief Nurse on August of 1941, and in her new rank she served as an assistant to the principal chief nurse for over a year.

Miss Cuppy is one of the newer generation of Chief Nurses who believe in the efficacy of more than an occasional smile towards the people she meets in her daily routine. She was popular alike with the nurses and patienst, as well as all ranks of the duty personnel.

Over an arch on the Highway 99 at the entrance to Modesto reads 'water, wealth, contentment, health." It is the town motto, and while we would not wish Miss Cuppy to confine herself to water, we do hope that wealth, contentment and health will be hers in abundance in her new surroundings.

Helpful Helpmate?

Northern Ireland-Cpl. Jack Mc-Namara of an armored unit was a little surprised when he opened a package his wife had sent from Chi-

The contents were all ladies' unmentionables.

Seems that Mrs. McNamara wasn't trying to fix her husband up with the Irish girls-the store had made an error.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended S/Sgt. Howard Winks and Private Arthur L. Forcade, who joined this station during the week.

And success to Technician Fifth Grade Ralph E. Umbreit, who left this station during the week.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Earle E. Libby, appointed Staff Sergeant; Matt Jarci, Jr., John R. Miller, John W. Dean, and Geddes H. Pickrell, appointed Sergeants; Anthony G. Rotkovich, Walter C. Smith, Samuel Terrevecchia and Stephen M. Bruzzone, appointed Technicians Fourth Grade; August De Marco, appointed Corporal; Anthony C. Moscarella, Sam G. Bornoty, Harry E. Bronner, John R. Davis, Arthur A. Johnson, Sheldon W. Warshaver and Ray L. Germone, appointed Technicians Fifth Grade; and William C. Adsit, Harold M. Borlin, Stephan Dubravcic, Robert B. Larson, Sidney Royse, S. N. Gregory and F. R. Lee, appointed Privates First Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Earle G. Libby leaving T-32 to be at "Home" in the NCO Quarters.

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Sgt. Salyer E. Reed of the Receiving Office, being married over the last week-end, and now honeymooning for ten days.

1st/Sgt. Calvin D. Williams' experience at the Zoo? With the cow and the bull.

Cpl. Ralph M. Mason gaining weight while on day duty—and while playing cribbage.

Sgt/Major William R. Moody out in the storm while in his home—seventeen pans and one milk bottle to catch the water. Tsk! Tsk! and a priority on aluminum.

T/4th Grade William Portella back visiting the detachment.

Sgt. George Norvelle making arrangements for a December wedding—say the 19th?

T/4th Grade James F. Blackburn admitting that he is getting "fat on the job."

S/Sgt. Leonard P. Bell enjoying a city-wide reputation as a fancy roll-er-skater, and a certain young lady from Virginia being particularly impressed.

MAJOR SPEED ARRIVES TO KEEP 'EM ROLLING FOR THE DURATION



Major OSCAR SPEED, Q.M.C. Transportation Officer

Anyone dropping into the office of the Transportation Office where Major Oscar Speed sits behind the big desk would be perfectly proper in extending the salutation "Good Morning, Judge." And the answer would be prompt as coming from one to the manner born. Because Major Speed has been a judge. A judge of the County Court in the sovereign state of Oklahoma.

Major, who arived here recently, has a collection of titles as Assistant Quartermaster, Transportation (Rail and Motor), and Salvage and Reclamation Officer. Titles that are entirely familiar, as he served as Supply and Transportation Officer with the medical regiment of the 3rd division during World War I.

In addition to that Major Speed was also something of a fighting soldier and participated in the major engagements of the Aisne Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse offensives, receiving the silver star citation for gallantry in action. After hostilities had ceased the major remained in the Army of Occupation at Coblentz for eight months.

Major Speed is a Texan by birth and just before the World War started he had received a law degree at Texas University and it was to tough judge.

Anyone dropping into the office the law that he turned at the cessather the Transportation Office where tion of hostilities in 1918.

Moving over into Oklahoma he taught school, practiced law, and finally became first the County attorney and then the County judge of Beckham County, Oklahoma. To round out his career as a civil servant he was also the postmaster and mayor of the town of Sayre.

Part of the family of Major Speed accompanied him to San Francisco on taking up his duties here. He has a daughter in the University of Texas and a son in Government Radio School to fit himself to follow in Dad's footsteps.

While the rubber saving program is about to go into effect in the civilian communities of the far west, it must not be assumed that Major Speed may escape part of the headache incidental to stretching the use of his rubber to the utmost. As Transportation Officer it will be his duty to arrange that the maximum use is derived from all motor equipment.

In the event that any of his drivers appear to be somewhat lax, Major only has to put on his Judge's cap and crack down on him. While he is a kindly looking man we all sort of suspicion that he could be a tough judge.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Will anyone interested in raising rabbits kindly contact Pfc. Henry Pezella? Henry complains of finding his bunk over-run with various species in the wee hours of the morning and, as the combat that follows disturbs his slumbers, he is anxious to find a home for them, both for their welfare and his peace of mind.

A most pleasant evening of dancing and refreshments was enjoyed by many members of the School Detachment and student members last Friday night at the Nurses' Home of the St. Lukes Hospital. Everyone had a happy time that will long be remembered, and words alone cannot express our appreciation of the privilege of attending the party.

Again we have that mixed feeling of wishing a comrade success and yet regretting to see him go from our ranks. S/Sgt. Wilber K. Selvey, of the Lab School, summoned this past week to attend Officers' Candidate School at Camp Barkeley, Texas, is poignantly missed by his many friends. Good luck and God-Speed, Wilber.

We wonder at the sudden deluge of offers to Supply Sergeant Herman Knoller to assist in marking laundry and sundry other details in the Supply. Of course we know that the fact that this work so often has to be at just about drill time has nothing to do with it. OR DOES IT?

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IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

The varied expressions of grief on the faces of the students upon being informed that drill, due to inclement weather, was called off.

OUR NEW CHAPLAIN

(Continued from page one)
and expand with each day of service
to the patients and personnel. He
will meet a warm welcome in all
parts of the hospital.

School children are probably instructed in safety more thoroughly and more effectively than any other group, the Census Bureau stated after studying accidental deaths reported.

Radio Is a Vital Factor in War Morale Building

It is not too fantastic to think that someday soon the United Nations might appoint a radio High Command and use such a weapon to its fullest advantage, Norman Corwin, CBS producer, director and writer predicted on a recent broadcast of Columbia network's "We, the People" program.

Corwin recently returned from a four-months stay in England where he directed his own series of broadcasts entitled "An American in England." There will be six more broadcasts of the series beginning on Tuesday, December 1. The programs are to be heard at 10 o'clock, EWT.

Milo Boulton, who interviewed Corwin on "We, the People," asked the top-notch producer just what radio can and is doing toward the winning of the war.

"Radio was important enough for the Nazis to spend billons of dollars on," said Corwin, "and effective enough to help beat France before the panzers got there. I wonder then whether it's too fantastic to hope that some day the United Nations might appoint a radio High Command.

"For it is a weapon, just as much as a tank or a machine gun, and we in this country must learn to use this weapon just as skillfully and boldly as our fighting men use theirs in blasting the way for the new world of common man."

I have to live with myself, and so I want to be fit for myself to know: Always to look myself straight in the eye.

I don't want to stand, with the setting sun

And hate myself for the things I've done

I want to go out with head erect.

I want to deserve all men's respect, But here in the struggle for fame and pelf,

I want to be able to like myself. I don't want to look at myself and

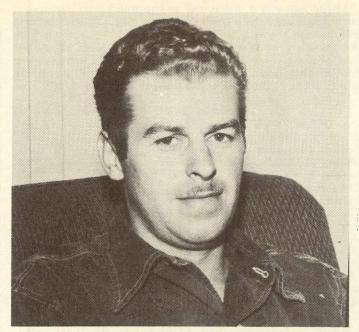
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.

I never can fool myself, and so Whatever happens, I want to be Self-respecting and conscience free.

> BE A NAZI KILL-JOY BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

> > Serve in Silence

ONE JAP ZERO PLANE WORTH JUST THAT MUCH—THANKS TO SGT. FOX



LEONARD MOORE FOX Technical Sergeant, Army Air Force

One of the most widely quoted | telling where and when the encountsimilies to come out of the current war-that description of a Jap Zero fighter plane "it climbs like a homesick angel"-does not cover the ship and crew of a Zero which attempted one last burst at an Army bomber before going home. That particular "homesick angel" ended up in Davy Jones locker, a region where it is said angels do not tread.

The bombardier on our ship that day was T/Sgt. Leonard Moore Fox, a native of Fairfax, Virginia, and a graduate of the high school in his home town. He enlisted in the Army at Washington, D. C. on August 17, 1937 and was sent to Langley Field for duty with the Army Air Force. In January of 1942 he moved out with his organization to Hawaii and from the date of his arrival he had what might be called a fairly busy

The highlights in his career as a bombardier are the battle at Midway Island and the prolonged battle of the Solomons. In the Midway episode his organization took part in the formation bombing and accounted for a carrier and a cruiser flying the flag of the Rising Sun. In the Solomons he was present on several missions where ships of the Jap fleet and Jap bases in the other islands furnished excellent targets.

Military regulations discourage his Commanding Officer.

er actually took place with that no longer existent Jap Zero, but while Sgt. Fox, with his eye on the bomb sight was dropping his load where it would do the best damage, a machine gun of the Zero let go with a burst which left a few pellets in the left arm and leg of Sgt. Fox.

He is very reluctant to talk about either his activities or his wounds but we do know that he spent a period of recuperation at a hospital in one of our bases in the South Pacific and recently returned to the Mainland for hospitalization at Let-

He has a wife back in the old home town of Fairfax, and within a few days he expects to leave here on a furlough which will take him back home.

We know that Sergeant Fox has a very interesting story to tell of his experiences, but he modestly refrains from any details and attributes his silence to military regulations, but after talking with him we feel that it is the innate modesty of the man who tries to convey the impression that what he did any other man would have done. We would like to think it so, but at the same time we know the performance of duty by Technical Sergeant Fox would be rated superior by any

'Women at War' To Be Aired During The Coming Week

America's "Women At War Week" is launched Sunday, November 22, with a special broadcast over Columbia network. (WABC-CBS, 7:00 to 7:30 PM, EWT).

The program marks the beginning of a seven-day period to be devoted to spotlighting the myriad war activities of American women and focusing public attention on the tremendous contributions they are making toward victory.

Hollywood Star Fredric March acts as master-of-ceremonies and his wife, Florence Eldridge, talented stage and screen actress, is starred in a dramatic sketch written especially for her and entitled "I Speak for the Women of America."

Mrs. Henry J. Morgenthau Jr., wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, and other prominent American women, speak briefly.

An all-star program of entertainment features, among others, Gracie Fields, scintillating star of English music halls, and Dorothy Maynor, America's great Negro soprano. A highlight of the broadcast is a program of music and group singing by an orchestra and chorus under the direction of David Broekman.

Director of War Chest Campaign **Expresses Thanks**

Mr. K. O. Baker, campaign director for the War Chest has written to the Commanding General to express appreciation for the generosity of those who contributed this year to the War Chest.

Mr. Baker writes: "Please extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the staff at Letterman General Hospital for their generous response to the San Francisco War Chest appeal as represented in the contribution of \$1,-

Such a report is not only encouraging to the volunteer workers, as well as to us at headquarters, but is a record of which Letterman General Hospital can be justly proud."

Birmingham, England—To collect a 50-cent bet a 16-year-old boy who said he had never before flown took off solo in a plane from an air base near here, circled the field for 30 minutes and then made a perfect landing. He was fined \$10.

OUR CAMERAMEN



RICHARD F. TUTTLE Sergeant, Signal Corps

Sergeant Tuttle was a commercial photographer in Long Beach, Calif., prior to his induction into the military service in February, 1941. He served one year with the 15th Infantry before transfering to the Signal Corps. He has been one of the outstanding photographers with the detachment at the 9th SC photo lab and has done a lot of work for the FOGHORN.

Laff of the Week-

A United Press listening station last week heard the Japan-ese-controlled Saigon radio station in Indo-China say: "All attacks in landing operations have been repulsed on the African coast, except where they have succeeded."

Yanks in London Will Eat Christmas Feast

London-Christmas feasts will be eaten by Yanks as well as na-

tives of England this year. Everyone may start the day by eating an egg and later there will be turkey for most and Christmas



mince pie for each man and woman in uniform.

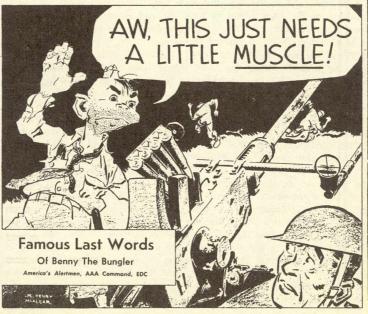
About half the turkeys will be apported from Eire. They will imported from Eire. They will constitute only a small item in a long list of imports and civilians here will be allowed to stock up.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Listed below is a statement of the number of employees buying bonds on the payroll deduction plan. A brief perusal will disclose the fact that we are far from the figure set by the Secretary of War who believes that at least ninety per cent of the civilian employees should invest at least ten per cent of their pay in War Bonds. The spirit of Letterman should prompt all to better the present situation.

EMPLOYEES

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	NUMBER OF	BUYING	PERCENT-
DEPARTMENT	EMPLOYEES	BONDS	AGE
Chaplain's Office		1	100
Civilian Personnel	9	. 9	100
Library		2	100
Special Service Schools.		6	100
Chief Nurses' Office	1	1	100
Dietitians		12	93
Régistrar's Office	12	11	91
Engineers' Office	74	65	90
Unit Personnel	19	16	84
Quartermaster Corps		12	80
Physio Therapy	8	6	75
Mess—Female Attenda	nts 84	61	70
Medical Service		2	66
Medical Supply		6	66
Laboratory	23	14	60
Laundry		35	60
Nurses' Quarters	66	40	60
Occupational Therapy .	5	3	60
Transportation	5	3	60
Ward Attendants-Male	e 34	18	53
X-Ray		5	45
Surgical Service	9	4	44
Dental Technicians	15	5	33
Mess Attendants-Male		3	30
Janitors		9	28
Gardeners		. 3	24
Adjutant and 201 File R		1 3	20
Internes		1	12
Outside Police		0	00
Ward S-1		0	00
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Consternation!!!! Our Keglers Cop A Triple Header

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz of the Letterman Bowling team rolled a smashing three game series Friday night in the 875 House League at the Broadway Van Ness Alleys when he knocked them over for a 653 total with a high game of 236. Sgt. Kuntz is the second of the Letterman team to bowl a 600 series, thus holding high game series for the league. Second high now is held by Leo Pollastrini, a member of the Frank Newman team, with a 632 triple.

Every member of the Medics team rolled a good series as the LGH team annexed all three games to put them in a tie for the leading position. Sgt. Yohe was second high with a 590 series, Sgt. Mottier third with a 589, and Sgt. Wilcox fourth with a 578. Corporal Marano was last with 516. Any one of those first four games would carry off high honors on any of the other teams.

The Medics team captured high three-game series for the league now with a 2926 total, second high is held by Frank Newmans with a 2872. Low game for the LGH team was 951, usually their highest, with high game of 1016, or an average of 203 per person. The three games the members of the Letterman team rolled could easily capture a pennant in the City Championship play-off tournament.

Following are the results of Friday night's play:

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

Kuntz	. 187	210	256	653
Yohe	. 182	200	208	590
Marano	. 175	172	169	516
Wilcox	. 193	188	197	578
Mottier	. 214	189	186	589
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Totals	. 951	959	1016	2926
FRANK NEWM	IANS			
Stevenson	. 178	160	175	513
Costello	. 133	151	167	451
Roe	. 155	156	158	469
Kase	. 167	196	177	540
Pollastrini	. 214	222	174	610
Totals	. 847	885	851	2583
	-	-	- Anna Carlo	

OUR RED CROSS

Offices on Second floor of the Administration Building.

Field director and staff are always within reach of telephone through Hospital Information desk.

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New Nurses Added To Our Staff—and Welcome, Indeed

The strength of the staff of the Army Nurse Corps on duty at this hospital has been increased in recent days by the addition of the following listed young ladies who have joined up for the duration of the emergency and the usual "six months" thereafter. All are welcome to our midst:

Miss Kathryn Kaskey was born in Milford, Delaware, attended the Columbia, Pennsylvania, High School, and trained at the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, graduating in 1935, Following this she spent five years in general and private duty nursing at the City Hospital on Long Island, Queensboro General and Cumberland Hospital. In 1940 she went to Miami, Florida, to do private duty nursing and the following year went to Hollywood to the Cedars of Lebannon and Hollywood Presbyterian Hospitals. On November 18 she took her oath in the Army Nurse Corps at Letterman General Hospital. She likes swimming, tennis and horseback riding and wields a wicked ping pong paddle.

Miss Lydia Gutjahr was born in Hosmer, South Dakota, finished her high school course at Redfield, South Dakota, and took her nurses' training at the St. Lukes' Hospital at Aberdeen, South Dakota. She returned to Redfield to the State School and Home for one year, and then to the Lakeside Hospital at Cleveland. Ohio, for eighteen months. When the urge to "go west" moved her to pack her bags and start traveling, she went to the Hollywood Hospital for three years and then did private duty for two years in Los Angeles. She became a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve on November 21, and her first station is Letterman Hospital.

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CANDID CAMERA COHORTS COULD COP CASH IN CURRENT CONTEST

Camera fans the country over are responding to the call of the American Red Cross for photographs depicting its wartime activities. This was announced by officials at the conclusion of the first two weeks of the national photographic competition, which began October 1 and will continue through December 31.

Soldiers, sailors and civilians in all parts of the country are submitting entries, all of which depict some phase of Red Cross service or are symbolic of the organization's humanitarian motives. The competition, which is known as the "Red Cross National Photo Awards" with headquarters at 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, offers a total of 122 awards divided into 14 grand prizes, and for each month of the duration of the contest, 36 monthly prizes. Awards will be in the form of war savings bonds, and the values given below represent maturity value of these bonds.

Monthly awards in the contest will consist of a first prize of \$200, a second prize of \$100, and third prize of \$50, and 33 special merit awards consisting of a \$25 war bond each. First prize in the grand awards consists of war bonds with a maturity value of \$500; second prize, \$300! third prize, \$200; fourth prize, \$100; and 10 honorable mention prizes, each composed of a \$50 war bond. Negatives and publication rights of all prizewinning pictures become the property of the American Red Cross. which also reserves the right to purchase, at \$5 each, the negative of any photograph entered in the contest that does not win an award. Monthly prize winners will be announced during the course of the contest and grand prize winners about February 1, 1943.

Entrants may submit as many pictures as desired at any time during the armed for turns as desired at any time during

the contest, but no photographs which heretofore have been published are eligible. All entries must portray an activity or be symbolic of the spirit of the organization.

Pictures may be made on any type of film, but not on glass-plate negatives. No print or enlargement more than 10 inches in the longest dimension may be entered. While there is no minimum limit, prints no smaller than 5 inches by 7 inches are preferred. They should be mailed flat and unmounted. On the back of each entry should be printed the name and address of the competitor and a brief title or description of the picture. Negatives must not be submitted, but should be retained by the entrant so that they may be turned over to the contest director if requested. Because they are apt to be transferred on short notice, men in the military or naval service may submit negatives with their prints. All entries must be sent to 598 Madison Avenue, New York City.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

The President signed legislation lowering the draft age to 18 years. At the same time, he announced a committee of educators, working with the War and Navy Departments, would make a study of steps "to enable the young men whose education has been interrupted to resume their schooling and afford equal opportunity for the training and education of other young men of ability after their service to the armed forces has come to an end." He also said that in the near future a plan will be announced providing utilization during the war of facilities of certain colleges and universities to train a limited number of men of the armed forces for highly special-

Warrant Officers Now Rate a Salute From All Ranks

Warrant officers and flight officers of the army are now entitled to the salute, courtesies and respects normally granted to commissioned officers, according to a War Department circular published during the past week. This will place our warrant and flight officers on a par with the officers of similar categories in the Navy and Marine Corps.

The announcement was made by the Adjutant General to clarify the status of warrant officers and flight officers and the courtesies due them, resulting from the similarity of their uniforms and insignia to those of lieutenants. The new pronouncement also declares warrant officers and flight officers eligible for membership in messes maintained for commissioned officers.

The uniform worn by the above officers is the same as the uniform of the commissioned officer. The insignia differs in that no braid is worn on the cuff, except that those individuals who served as commissioned officers during the World War I may wear a braid of fowest green. Bars with rounded ends and brown enamel top, with the longitudinal center of gold for chief warrant officers (Junior grade) are worn the same as lieutenant's bars. Flight officers bars are similar to those of warrant officers (junior grade) except that the enamel is blue.

On the lapel of the uniform coat of the warrant officer is worn insignia consisting of an eagle rising, with wings displayed, standing on a bundle of two arrows, all enclosed in a wreath. The flight officer wears the air corps wings.

And Kay Kyser says he knows a girl who married an X-ray specialist because he was the first guy who ever saw anything in her.

FLAG HAS A STORY TO TELL WORTH YOUR ATTENTI

The following article on the flag was written by Charles E. Park and distributed by the War Service Council of Boston, Massachusetts. It is worth a wider circulation.

-Editor

Dante tells us that as he and his guide Virgil were walking on the frozen surface of Lake Cocytus in the last and lowest circle of Hell he stubbed his toe against a round object which he could barely see in the dim light. Stooping down, he found that this round object was a man's head. The man himself was frozen into the lake with only his head protruding. When Dante asked him who he was, the only answer he got was curses for his clumsiness. Just then another head near-by belonging to another man frozen in the ice spoke-"What ails thee Bocca?" Bocca-so this was Bocca, the notorious Florentine traitor, who in the thick of the battle had cut off the hand of his own color-bearer so that the flag had fallen to the ground, and the army had lost courage, and had been defeated with great slaughter. Dante left him to his curses and hurried on after his

Two questions raise their heads at once. Why was Bocca frozen into the ice of Cocytus? Here is a good example of the way Dante symbolized his moral philosophy. The soul becomes the thing that it loves. If the soul is wise enough to follow St. Paul's advice and set its affections on things above-on truth, beauty, goodness, honor, justice, compassion, then in time the soul becomes the very essence of that quality. That is Heaven. But if the soul is so perverse and foolish that it loves evilpassion or violence or treachery, then in time it becomes the very essence of that evil. That is Hell. Bocca had loved treachery. He had turned into a little lump of treachery, hard and cold as ice. He was where he belonged, frozen into the Lake of the Traitors-himself a part of the lake.

Here is our other question: Why should the fall of that battleflag in the Battle of Mont Aperati discourage the Florentine Army and cause this defeat? That is not as small a question as it seems. In fact, it is part of a very big question. Why do



does it mean, or say, or stand for? | in which we live, and in contact Why do we salute it every morning parade? Why should the falling of their flag throw a victorious army into dismay and lead to their defeat? There are many such questionsthey are all one question-and it is a very big question.

Mr. Justice Holmes once said that a word is only the skin of an idea. Divest those words of their ideas, leave nothing but the empty skins, and they become the most amusing things in the world. When we speak words we manipulate our lips and teeth and palates and tongues in such a way as to produce a series of strange crackling, hissing, gutteral sounds that would throw us into convulsions of laughter were it not for the ideas which we thereby convey to each other. If there are the qualities of dignity or grandeur or beauty or power in a string of words, nothing but the ideas which those word skins contain can account for those qualities. For words are nothing but symbols, and only the thoughts which those words symbolize can bestow any virtue at all upon the words.

And what Mr. Justice Holmes said about words might be said with equal truth of any symbol-it is the skin of an idea. The flag is the skin of an idea, several ideas. We love it and honor it, and our hearts leap up at the sight of it not because it is a gaily colored piece of silk or bunting, but because of those ideas which it contains.

Many of those ideas are too familiar to require more than passing we make so much of the flag? What mention. The flag stands for the land sponsibility for its future. And so

with which we derive sustenance. in school, or when it passes in a It is a definite geographical area. It may be large or small, it may be barren and inhospitable like Palestine, or it may be luxurious and opulent like Cevlon o'er which the spicy breezes blow,-never mind. We love it just the same. In our own case the land is almost too big for any one man to love in its wholeness. We get around that difficulty by loving our land piecemeal. We subdivide it into more manageable regions. The New Englander loves his "rocks and rills," his "woods and templed hills." The prairie dweller loves his "spacious skies," his "amber waves of grain." The hillman loves his "purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain." That love for the land, the actual geographic region, is instinctive. The less we try to explain it the better.

> In the second place, the flag stands for our history. Every history has its high spots to inspire pride and emulation, as well as its low spots to teach and to warn. A nation's history is not the least valuable of its possessions. Pioneers have explored its regions and discovered its resources. Visionaries have planted its wilderness and devised its inventions. Heroes have defended its rights. Benefactors have built up its public institutions. And millions of private unassuming citizens have fought in its ranks and labored in its peaceful occasions for its wealth and power. All these facts from the past are written in that country's flag to arouse the pride of later generations and to awaken their re-

the flag speaks to every heart-Your fathers have loved this country and believed in it. They have fought and suffered and labored and given to make it what it is. Now it is your

In the third place, the flag stands for a pretty definite set of convictions, a social and political theory which the people of that country have accepted as the right conviction, the right theory for them. They call it their way of life. Other ways of life may be just as good. But their way of life is the one that most strongly appeals to them. It springs directly from their national experience. It is most congenial to their national temperament. It offers the easiest channel for their national genius and idealism. They may have been turned into that way of life unwittingly, by the drift of forces which they could not have controlled even if they had tried. Or they may have adopted that way of life as an answer to some grievance or injustice suffered by them far back in the past. In fact it is only within the last two centuries that the nations of this world have begun to take an intelligent view of their own national identity and purpose, and have begun to exercise an intelligent choice in the selection of their way of life.

At first, the nations just growed, like Topsy, neither knowing nor controlling the forces that turned them into one way of life or another. Then America was discovered and settled, and 200 years ago the world was startled to hear a muffled angry voice from this embryonic nation in the West. It spoke articulate words: Enough of this injustice. No taxation without representation. We hereby deliberately adopt that theory-that way of life.

Without delay, the world heard another articulate voice, this time from France. Enough of these wrongs. Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. That shall be our chosen way of

In our own memory, there came another voice from Russia: Enough of this unendurable serfdom. All men shall share and share alike. The State shall be the benevolent owner and divider of wealth. It was inevitable that every democratic nation in the world should take alarm at such a bold declaration, and speak

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MORE ABOUT THE FLAG

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up in protest. No. no. We cannot abide such deadening mediocrity. The individual shall find his place and enjoy his merited reward in a just and well-balanced society.

And finally it was no less inevitable perhaps that another nation should speak up with tragic articulation. Enough of this confusion, this pulling at cross-purposes. The strongest nation shall rule, all others must obey. There shall be a new order in the world. The part of the conqueror-that shall be our way of life, for that is our manifest destiny.

The point is that only within recent years has popular intelligence been a factor in determining the various ways of life the nations of the world shall adopt. It occurs to us that we are living through portentous years, and we say to ourselves. what a good time the historian of the future is going to have. He will point to these very generations of our present time as the age when the flag of every nation meant more to its nation than ever before. He will say, if our guess is correct, that in these times of ours patriotism first began to be universally intelligent, first emerged from the dim twilight of emotionality, into the sunshine of popular understanding, and quiet thought, and well-considered choice.

Every flag means to its people a country, a geographical region, to be loved and defended, home and kindred and friends, little towns and villages, great cities and activities, the day's work and the day's pleasure, the order and the mutual trust, the sunrise out of the ocean, the sunset in its western glory, the merciful night, and the peaceful stars and the unuttered prayer-"Oh God, you are very good to us." The flag means to human hearts true and lofty incentives, a history to be proud of, to be worthy of, to be inspired by. And the flag means to human hearts a theory of right and truth, a way of living not only automatically inherited, but intelligently understood; not only emotionally adopted, but thoughtfully chosen and supported with intelligent loyalty. Our flags today wave over people who are not only patriots, but who know why they are patriots.

In all other respects one flag is own good pride shall teach us to sonal access to that ultimate reality. illa Regis prodeunt"—the banners of



Lieut, WALTER SNOWDEN SMITH United States Army Air Force

Lieut. Smith is being given a certificate of membership in the Syracuse (N. Y.) Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans Association as the first disabled veteran of World War II from that city. Shown, left to right: Harry E. Wentworth, Past National Vice-Commander, D.A.V.; Raymond G. Merrill, Commander S. F. Chapter No. 3, D.A.V.; Lieut. Smith, Ray E. Claudy, Flag Chairman, S. F. Chapter, D.A.V.

honor our brother's pride. Speaking of our flag, we are in a true measure speaking of all the rest. But there is one further respect in which each flag speaks an intimate message to its people and to no other. In that respect, no one can speak for others. Each one has all he can do to speak for himself. What is the intimate message that our flag speaks exclusively to us? It says to us, the individual human soul is the last irreducible integer in the sight of God. The fulfillment of the human soul, every human soul, the measure of the stature of the fullness of his manhood, every manhood, is the last and greatest objective in the purpose of God. This fulfillment is possible only where the soul has liberty to co-ordinate itself to the greatest Reality there is-God himself in his unthinkable majesty and very much like another. And our himself only when he has free per-

I am your flag; I stand for your country, your history, your way of life, our government, your institutions, your earthly security; but remember that all these things for which I stand are not intended to intercept your access to the Ultimate Reality, but to make that access broader and easier for you and for all human souls. Therefore, I charge you to love me, to honor me, to defend me, if necessary to die for me: yet never to think of me as your master, but always as your friend and helper. I am not here to block the way for you, but to go with you upon the way. You sometimes speak of your Christ as one who came that is your right to consult your own you may have life, and have it more abundantly. I would have you put me, your flag, in the same category. I am here that you, and everybody like you, may have life, and have truth. The human soul can fulfill it more abundantly. I am not the end of your road. Remember, "Vex-

the King forward go. Think of me as your Vexillum Regis, your companion upon the road.

It stands to reason that this road of national history which you are travelling will take you through unfamiliar landscapes and changing scenery. All roads do that as they are really roads of progress. I charge you, therefore, to harbor no dread for these changes of the future; but to remember that the democratic way of life for which I stand is no single definite pattern, either in politics or economics; it is something back of all patterns. It is your right to choose the pattern. It deepest and most honest opinions, to make your own observations, to reach your own conclusions, to form your own choice, to adopt whatever definite pattern of government seems to you best and truest at the time, to live under it so long as it

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THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

COMMON THINGS

Don't belittle the common things. They are very important or God would never have made them in such great quantities. Have you ever considered the importance of such a common thing as salt? According to Dupont chemists, it is one of the four or five more important raw materials in the world. American factories will use ten billion pounds of it during this year's war effort. Its sodium and chlorine play parts in the making of airplanes, tanks, jeeps, guns, synthetic rubber, and high-test gasoline. Sodium cyanide enables gear surfaces to stand shock and strain. Ethyl chloride and sodium-lead alloy produce tetraethyl lead for highoctane fuel used in aviation. Chlorinated solvents clean oil and grease from every piece of metal going into military equipment. Chemicals from salt make possible steel shell casings and thus conserve copper and dve cloth for uniforms; they help to prepare the new and vital sulfa drugs for wounds.

Likewise the common people. As Lincoln said: "Common people must be very important; God made so many of them." And the common virtues: charity, humility, trust in God. These are the mainstays of national morals and morale.

Never belittle the common things. They are the really worthwhile things in life.

Plastic pipe is being manufactured which is odorless, tasteless, nontoxic, and unaffected by water, and can be threaded with ordinary iron pipe lines. The pipe can be welded, heated, and bent.



Congratulations are in order on the promotion of Miss Edith Heinrich to the grade of Chief Nurse, with rank of First Lieutenant, in the Army Nurse Corps.

Rumor, well founded, has it that Miss Ida E. Peschon, formerly Chief Nurse on our staff, has gone and committed matrimony during the past two weeks. Our reporter mentions that the romance took root on the golf course.

Mrs. Evelyn Brown, who has for the past two years divided her time between M and P wards, has left us for another sphere of activity.

Some one should present a whole bouquet of orchids to Mrs. Elizabeth Treuholtz on the splendid dinner we had in quarters on Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Evelyn J. Hart, recently rewarded with a silver bar—the kind one wears on the shoulder loop—has been assigned to duty at the Station Hospital, Army Air Base, Reno, Nev.

From Ft. William Henry Harrison Miss Genevieve Smith, Chief Nurse at that post, sends greetings to her old friends at Letterman.

Miss Ressa Jenkins is making an appeal during this week via a radio transcription to the women of the country to support the war effort with purchases of war bonds and stamps.

And Miss Frances Wagner is now assigned to Ward "G."

On the "Women's Magazine of The Air" Anita Day Hubbard over station KSFO on Thanksgiving afternoon told the listening world about the diamond solitaire ring on the correct finger of Miss Edna Gardner.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

November 28 and 29:

THE MAGNIFICENT AMBER-SONS—Dolores Costello and Joseph Cotton. Also short subjects. December 1 and 2:

MAYOR OF 44TH STREET—George Murphy and Ann Sheridan; Also short subjects.

December 3 and 4:

BEYOND THE BLUE HORIZON

—Dorothy Lamour and Richard
Denning. Also short subjects.

Serve in Silence



Major Richard E. Humes back again to the familiar setting of the Medical Supply department. His return is a matter of pleasure to all of us.

At the door of the "Mark" en route to a radio program participation over KSFO Lieut. Marion Elliott, Lieut. Edna Gardner, and Lieut. Margaret Taylor, all of the ANC at this hospital.

Some officers learning that the Monday medical meeting can start at 0330 and in the future probably will.

Major Biskind, Capt. Meyer, and Lieut. Krupp having breakfast together and the major doing the listening—as would be expected.

Our Mess Officer—Capt. Rex P. Clayton—enjoying a doughnut despite the turkey all around him on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Sgt. William E. Corley back from a sick furlough and telling the gang, he is feeling lots better.

The Stork Was Here

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest P. Kiernan, a son, Floyd Patrick Kiernan, born November 18, weight seven pounds, three and one half ounces.

• To Captain and Mrs. Alfred B. Droke, a daughter, Linda Louise Droke, born November 20, weight six pounds, nine ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Adelbert Campa, a daughter, Karen Dell Campa, born November 20, weight nine pounds, six and three quarters ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Loren Galen Young, a son, Fred Ray Young, born November 21, weight seven pounds, one ounce.

To T/5th Grade and Mrs. John F. Schmidt, a daughter, Nancy Barbara Schmidt, born November 23, weight seven pounds, twelve ounces.

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Look for what is good and strong and try to imitate it.

THE CHAPLAIN'S

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, November 29, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00

a. m.

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

PRAYER POEM

Lord, we pray Thee, help our soldiers

Fighting for the right:
Keep them ever, by the power
Of thy might.

Guard our sailors from the perils Hidden in the sea:

Bring them, Lord, where they to shield us Fain would be.

Guide our airmen, swiftly flying

Far O'er sea and land;

Hold them, Lord, within the hollow

Bend Thine ear, dear Lord, and listen

To the prisoners' cry:

And with tender pity succor
Those who die.

Of Thy hand.

Bless our chaplains, doctors, nurses,

Brave, heroic bands, Stretching out to sick and dying Helping hands.

With Thy love enfold the mourners, Comforter Divine:

Make them feel their every sorrow, Lord, is Thine.

Bless our people, bless our country,
Lord of Hosts, we pray:

And from us Thy righteous anger.

And from us Thy righteous anger Turn away.

Save us from our foes' devices, Cruelty, and wrong:

Changing, Lord, our cry of anguish Into song.

So shall we forever praise Thee, Father, Lord of man, Till, united in Thy presence,

We fulfill Thy plan.

BE A NAZI KILL-JOY
BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

ON THE SPOT



KENNETH S. HOOS

Athlete-banker-soldier-patient is a four-word description of Kenneth S. Hoos, known as Kenny to his many

Ken, who is now a patient on Ward K-1 hails from the city of Oakland, California. He was born thirty-four years ago, May 11, 1908, in the above named town, and has lived there ever since, graduating from Oakland Technical High School. It was while attending said school that his athletic prowess came to the fore. Ken was fullback on the football squad, quarter-miler on the track team, and 100 yard dash was his specialty in swimming. He received a varsity letter in all three sports. Another indication of his popularity is that he was elected president of a Self-Government Committee, whereby the students made their own regulations and meted out punishments to violators.

Upon completion of school he obtained a position with the Anglo-California Bank of San Francisco, working first in the Clearing House, then as a bookkeeper, and his next assignment put in the responsible position of working in the Auditing Department.

Ken, because he has been married for over six years, wasn't expecting to be called by "Uncle Sam" for quite some time, but on June 10, 1942, he was inducted and sent to Monterey, California. With the issuance of his necessities he and a whole trainload of men were sent to Camp Rucker, Alabama, to receive their basic training.

Starting November 3, he was to enjoy a fifteen-day furlough, but was unfortunate to be tabbed by old man hard luck on the first day. It was while enroute home that he noticed the slight irritation in his left eye that was later to deprive him of his long-awaited furlough. Ken is anxhis leave he was assigned to the get ahead.

MORE ABOUT NEW NURSES

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Miss Leota Duke claims Jefferson, | all over the country, and did nurs-Georgia, as her native home, completed her high school years at the Martin Institute in Jefferson, and took her professional training at the Grady Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. After her graduation in 1923 spent five years doing public health work in Rome, Georgia, and institutional work, supervising and operating room work at the Hamilton Memorial Hospital, Dalton, Georgia; Mullins Hospital in Mullins, South Carolina; Johnston Sanatarium at Tallahassee, Florida. She then went to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to the City Hospital as Assistant Night Supervisor, and to McPherson, Kansas, to do Operating Room work at the McPherson County Hospital. She came to California in 1941 to the Huntington Park Mission Hospital and entered the Army Nurse Corps Reserve on November 21.

Miss Frieda Marks was born in New York City but came to California with her family when she was only six years old. She attended the Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles and took her nurses' training at the Angelus Hospital Training School for Nurses. Upon graduating in 1925 she became associated with the Jewish Clinic and Dispensary, which in 1930 became the Out-Patient Department of the Cedars of Lebannon Hospital in Los Angeles. Miss Marks spent seventeen years in her first and only job before entering the Army Nurse Corps on November 21 and being stationed at Letterman General Hospital.

Miss Johna Ferguson, who was named for her grandfather, was born in Bakersfield, Missouri, where she attended high school. She took her nurses' training at the Burgh Hospital at Springfield, Missouri, graduating in 1941. She has served at the Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, the Colorado General Hospital in Denver, and Pleasant Valley Hospital in Coalinga, California, before her induction into the Army Nurse Corps on November 21.

Miss Sally Lee Forstenson was born in Rockwell, North Carolina, attended high school in her home town, and trained at the Mercy General Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina, graduating in 1923. After completing her training she traveled

Company Clerk's office, and he doesious to rejoin his unit, for just before | n't want to miss this opportunity to

ing at the New York Hospital, the Pontiac Hospital in Michigan and back to North Carolina. In 1930 she came to California and has been at the Mills Hospital in San Mateo until her induction into the Army Nurse Corps on November 20. Horseback riding and golf are her two recreational interests.

Miss Del F. Sefcik claims Caldwell, Texas, as her home and she completed her high school course there. There followed one year of college at the Industrial Arts College in Denton, Texas, and her nurses' training at the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas. Upon graduating in 1935 she came to California to take a post graduate course in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital in San Francisco, then returned to the John Sealy Hospital until 1940, when she returned to California to the East Oakland Hospital where she was employed until her induction into the Army Nurse Corps on November 20. She is keenly interested in horseback riding, but finds time to do some painting in water colors.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG

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serves. In other words, the Democracy for which I stand is your right to be a free agent in all the variable occasions of life, free from the arbitrary dictates of other men, and free also from the sentimental dictates of habit and precedent, free to choose and adopt, and equally free to discard and change. I need not warn you that only one kind of man has the right to that freedom: the man who makes his choice, always, at the bidding of his thoughtful, honest, and disinterested judgment. So long as you are that kind of a man, I am proud to be your flag. Therefore, give me your trust and loyalty; and let us together, a nation of the Lord's Free People, seek Him who made the seven stars and Orion, and to whom the nations are counted as the small dust of the

Lexington, Ky.-At least one U. S. soldier on a foreign front is doing all right financially. Relatives here received a letter from Sgt. Harold Monoghan which said: "I have been teaching the natives to play poker. Enclosed you will find \$200."

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. JAMES EDWARD LEWIS

From the land of the open range and the western bronco comes Private James Edward Lewis, now a clerk in the Sick and Wounded Office.

Jim was born July 15, 1921, in the city of Butte, Montana, and lived in that area up until the time of his induction. He attended Butte High School, majoring in Mechanical Drawing; but school and studies were unimportant things in this young man's life.

Jim is a lover of good horse flesh -not particularly the Kentucky thoroughbred, although he does appreciate a Blue Blood; his main interest lies in the rough wild horses that roam the vast Montana plains.

Upon graduating from high school, Private Lewis obtained a job with a news company working in the distributing section as a day job, and working nights as a guide and riding instructor at a Dude Ranch just outside of the city of Butte. It is a most interesting story when Jim begins to tell of his experiences of roping the wild horses on the range, purchasing the spirited little broncos from ranchers, or the trying job of breaking and changing their attitude toward saddle and rider.

His main ambition is to one day own his own dude ranch, and to date he has halfway succeeded in eventually realizing his aim. Jim is coowner of fifty head of horses registered in the Y-T brand in Northwestern Montana, just forty miles from the Canadian border. His partner is Pfc. Jay Sweet now serving with an Infantry outfit in Colorado.

Upon his induction July 29, 1942, Private Lewis was originally scheduled for the Cavalry, but a slight injury incurred while "breaking broncs" deprived him of this pleasure. After spending three weeks at Fort Douglas, Utah, he was transferred to Letterman Hospital, arriving here September 4.

Success to Sgt. Marion D. Jones, Sergeant John R. Miller, and Technician Fourth Grade John A. Steffler, who left this station during the week to attend Officers' Candidate

Congratulations are in order for the following men: George W. Erismann, appointed Sergeant; Johnny Maitia, Gerald V. Schuppner, Lou D. Slott and Louis C. Sullivan, appointed Corporals; Guy W. Houchin and Walter J. Howell, appointed Technicians Fifth Grade; Harry Brix, Arthur L. Forcade, Albert V. Glenn, Leonard M. Lebovitz, Patrick J. Sullivan, Robert D. Wood, George A. Apregan, Arthur F. Fields, Paul P. Hecht, James E. Lewis, William G. O'Brien, Lionel L. Rocke, James T. Walter, Clyde C. Conover, Percy Frazier, Jr., Frederick L. Jensen, Joseph S. Lopez, Charles W. Perkins, Charles Sullivan, Jr., Oran A. Watts, John P. DeMartini, Sam N. Garrett, Duane C. I. Johnson, Philip A. Matthews, Gale H. Reedy, Maurice M. Trout, appointed Privates First Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Corporal Robert L. Patterson enjoying his new duties on Ward O-1. . . .

Patriotic First Sergeant Calvin Williams increasing his War Bond quota.

Staff Sergeant Leonard Bell sporting a really terrific black eye, and giving the usual explanation that "he bumped into a"

Staff Sergeant Rosco J. Willey on furlough, visiting his mother, father, and three beautiful sisters in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Wonder who left the mess trays in the Dental Annex one night this past week?

T/5 Grade Paul "Snuffy" Benkert completely recovered from slight eye injury incurred this past week.

. . .

Staff Sergeant Ernest P. Kiernan worrying and pacing the corridors while Mother and Floyd Kiernan, new born seven pound youngster are getting along fine.

ONE VETERAN FROM HAWAII WHO WILL NOT TALK—SHE MEANS IT -



Miss ELIZABETH BARRETT Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) A.N.C.

Recently returned to the mainland after nearly three years of service in the Hawaiian Department.

on her arrival to join our nursing staff she must have gotten into the blind spot in our mind's eye, because we failed to notice that instead of being just an ordinary nurse she wears the two black bands of a First Lieutenant, which means Chief Nurse in this man's army.

Further research disclosed the fact that Miss Barrett had been nearly three years in the Hawaiian Islands and was there on that December morning just a year ago when the Japanese paid that unexpected call.

With our newspaper instinct very much alive we sensed a story for our readers.

A photographer was called from among our friends over at the Signal Corps Photo Lab and arrangements made for the above photograph of Miss Barrett. It would go well with comes into contact. a story of her experiences.

Alas, and alack! With our pen poised to take down her words the

Last week when we extended a to speak for publication. We begged welcome to Miss Elizabeth Barrett for just a few sentences and she countered with "not a word." As she put it, "I have nothing to say." We pressed her for a reason but found her to be one of those strong-willed women who says that when she remarks she has nothing to say, "she means just that. Period."

Anyway, most of us know by this time just what happened at Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Field, and Hickam Field on the morning of December 7 last, and can appreciate Miss Barrett's attitude in that what she may have to say would add little to the sum total of our knowledge, however, if Miss Barrett will not talk about herself we may write about her to express the general impression that she possesses a very pleasing personality and a friendly attitude toward all with whom she

We dare to hope that she will stay here with us for a long time. She has done her bit over there and she young lady very modestly declined can be equally valuable over here.

SPECIAL

Tech. 4th Grade Joe M. Garnand is welcomed by the Detachment as an instructor in the X-Ray School. Sgt. Garnand transferred from the Station Hospital at Camp White, Oregon, where he was in charge of the X-Ray, and took up his duties here at LGH Monday.

S/Sgt. James E. Winkleman joined the benedicts Saturday when he married Janet Nisson of San Francisco. The flight in matrimony came as a happy surprise and the Detachment congratulates "Wink" and wishes both of them the best of luck.

Everyone's thoughts are on food these days and the situation certainly seems desperate to the soldier when the P. X. depletes its supply of hamburger-the fighting man's choice piece of bovine anatomy. Many and varied were the remarks passed, but the blame lies on the butcher.

Several of the officers and four Non-Coms are in school again! Monday inaugurated a course in Chemical Warfare conducted by Capt. Sutherland, CWS, designated to train the men in all the intricacies of gas. The course consists of classroom discussion and work in the field. Grab your gas masks, boys

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

Tech. 4th Grade Ben Shedoudy getting up at the "crack of dawn." . . .

First Sergeant Harvey Hablitzel and Tech, 4th Grade Francis Rowlands having one of their jam sessions Sunday noon.

The "men in white" gathered in T-42 for their morning inspection.

Tech. 4th Grade William L. Wandewater "revenging" S/Sgt. Selvey.

OUR RED CROSS

Offices are located on the second floor of the Administration Building. Office hours are from 8:45 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. daily except Sundays.

After office hours the Field Director or members of the staff may be reached by telephone through the Hospital Information Desk.

FOR MEN ONLY

Rudy Vallee reports that his comedienne-stooge, Joan Davis can't find a man and has been down in the dumps. Joan replies, "It's no use. I've looked there too."

Bob Hope has a new girl friend. He calls her Appendix because everyone's had her out. And Frank Morgan says Bob's girl is so skinny that when she sticks out her tongue she looks like a zipper. Bob just discovered she had false teeth. "It just came out in the conversation," says

Bing Crosby tells the one about the two horses discussing their prospects for a race. "I've got this race in the bag," declared the first horse. "Nonsense! I'm in rare form today;" replied the second nag. Just then a dog trotted by. "Listen, fellas," said the dog, "I don't think either of you will win." The horses looked up in amazement. "Look!" said the first horse, "A talking dog!" . .

Lou (of Abbot and) Costello says something has to be done about the rubber situation. The chubby comedian was waiting for a street car the other day and bent over to tie his shoe-lace. Before he was through somebody had jacked him up and stolen his rubber heels.

Bud Abbott says the trouble with Costello is that he's too broad-shouldered around the hips.

Jack Benny says he knows a lawyer who stayed up all night trying to break his client's will. . . .

And with all the talk of a 10 million man army, Edgar Bergen tells about the fellow with one arm who was drafted, and felt there was some mistake. He reported to the CO, saying "But I have only one arm! What can I do here?" The officer looked up. "See that fellow down there pumping water? Well, you go tell him when the pails are fullhe's blind."

ADD ARMY LAFFS: Red Skelton tells about the Sergeant inspecting the barracks, who demanded of a soldier, "Is that your cigarette butt on the floor?" The private blandly replied, "Go ahead, Sergeant. You saw it first."

BE A BLOOD DONOR TODAY SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW

A CHIP OF THE OLD BLOCK WHO IS HANDY WITH THE SAW HIMSELF



Staff Sgt. BERT A. SELBERG

should start a conversation with the words "There is an old saw-" he would not be quoting a maxim so much as expressing in words the influences and environment of his early life in lumbering camps and his thorough knowledge of all phases of the lumber business.

Born April 3, 1919, in Weed, California, Sergeant Selberg's family successively moved to Castella, California; Klamath Falls, Oregon, and back to Castella, until the year 1925 when they permanently settled in McCloud, Mr. Selberg, Sr., was a band saw fitter in lumber camps, following his trade in the timbered country of the Northwest.

Bert attended school in McCloud, and graduated from the high school there in 1937, specializing in commercial subjects. However, out-door life held more appeal for him than business indoors behind a desk, and he spent the next three years in the lumbering business in one way or another-molding, surveying in the woods, contracting, and in a box factory which was the largest interests him most is golf.

If Staff Sergeant Bert A. Selberg pine mill on the Pacific Coast. Returning to his father's trade. Bert became a band saw fitter from April 1940 to February, 1941, when he was inducted into the Army.

> After being sworn in at Sacramento the 17th of February, 1941, the then Pvt. Selberg was sent to Monterey on the 18th, and to Letterman General Hospital on the 21st. Completing his basic training of one month, he went to work in the Unit Personnel Office, where he found his commercial education of more advantage than his knowledge of the lumbering business.

In consideration of the comparatively short time Bert has been connected with the army, his raises in grade have been rapid. In June of 1941 he became Private First Class, and in October acquired the next left. I hope he hears about this. stripe of Corporal. The third stripe of Sergeant was forthcoming on May of 1942 and on October 16 he became a Staff Sergeant.

Needless to add, his hobby is cabinet making, and the sport which



Sgt. Arthur J. Borselli left this week to attend the Quartermaster Officer Candidate School at Camp Lee, Virginia.

The garage lost a good mechanic when Sgt. John R. Miller left this week for Camp Lee, Virginia, to attend the Q. M. Officer Candidate School.

Second Lieut. Richard M. Pearson dropped in to say "hello" to his former co-workers. Lieut. Pearson is just graduated from the Quartermaster Officer Candidate School, having left here for School last Aug-

Herb Caen Has the Right Idea About **War Savinas Bonds**

The following was written and appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle in the form of a letter from Herb Caen, formerly their ace columnist. What he says about bonds should be of interest to all of us.

"Today was pay day-Oh, Blessed Day-and tonight all you can hear on our floor is the sound of I.O.U.'s being torn up. And here's something I think you'll be proud to hear. As we left the paying station with our dough, we were asked whether we wouldn't sign up for war bonds on a payroll-payment plan. Well, folks, as far as I could see, everybody signed up, right then and there: in fact, everybody in our Squadron hopes that we'll have the first 100 per cent record in this branch of the Air Forces. It was a great thing to see-all these guys who are sending money home, providing payments for their wives and families, men who in some cases have already bought thousands of dollars worth of bonds, cheerfully signing on the dotted line. I don't imagine there's a civilian left who isn't buying bonds up to his limit. But if there's one

Camp Wolters, Tex.-Cpl. James Jennings spent all day typing out the company payroll. Everyone agreed he had done an excellent job. Then it was found that he had made just one error. He had omitted his own

OUR CAMERAMEN



HENRY WALTER SEIPELT T/4th Gr., S. C.

This week we are happy to show the smiling face of Technician 4th Grade Henry Walter Seipelt, one of the regular staff of the 9th SC Photo lab.

Seipelt is a native of Brooklyn and still thinks the "Dodgers" were the best team in the National League last year. He has been in the army since May, 1941, and is doing the same work as he did in civil life—photography. He is a good cameraman.

Imagine what Brooklyn will say when the news gets back there that Seiplet is engaged to a native daughter of the Golden West right here in San Francisco.

War Effort Term Idiotic, Says Lie Detector

Americans should rid themselves of the term "war effort," Rex Stout, the "Lie Detective" of the CBS program "Our Secret Weapon," stated recently. We deserve the sarcastic references German radio propagandists make to it, said Stout, because we ourselves talk constantly of the "war effort."

"An effort is an attempt to do something, and we're not attempting —we're doing it. It is an idiotic expression. Does a women says she is engaged in the cooking effort? Does a man say he is busy with the trucking effort? Phooey! Or the crew of a Flying Fortress, taking off to drop some eggs on a cluster of Rommel's retreating forces—do they tell each other as the propellers start their roar, 'We shall undertake a bombing effort?' "

Fibber McGee says he understands the Italians claim to have perfected a new diving suit. Fibber says Mussolini will wear it to review the Italian Navy.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Campaign Bulletin No. 1, issued by the Headquarters, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah, gives a list of the reports of the civilian participation in the bond campaign as of November 16, 1942.

Of the organization of particular interest to us the following are mentioned:

San Francisco Medical Depot	% Part.	% Pay 12.09
Hammond General Hospital, Modesto	89.9	9.1
Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs	80	9.1
Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Wash	63.12	7.15
Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco	60	6

The position of Letterman in this list is not an enviable one and we are the only people who can raise ourselves from the depths in which we recline at the present time. There should be a competitive spirit among the medical department installations in the 9th Service Command and Letterman should be rightfully holding the position of leadership among all of the general hospitals in this vicinity.

When patriotism, pride and common sense are appealed to every civilian employee throughout the hospital should whole-heartedly aid to put Letterman at the top of the list.

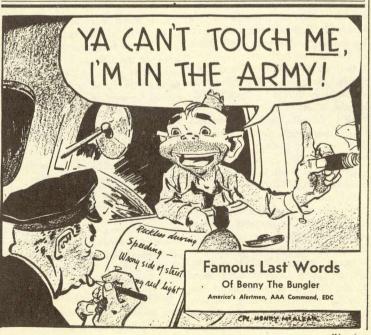
It is not necessary for us to outline the vital part which war bond purchases will play in this war and the reconstruction period after peace has been declared.

The President of the United States has fully outlined his desires for each man to do his part.

War bonds are the safest investment a person can make to insure future security.

The sacrifice of life being made for us by our fighting men engaged with the enemy makes any complaint of sacrifice by those safe at home seem shallow.

Between now and December 5 the War Bond Officer will personally interview every civilian employee who has not as yet signed to purchase bonds by the payroll deduction plan.



New Radio Program On Army Food, Clothing, Equipage

For the information of every fighting man in the Army camps and all the folks at home, the weekly "Quartermaster Quarter Hour" radio show has been inaugurated by the California Quartermaster Depot, headquarters at 15th and Clay, Oakland, with sub-depots at Sacramento and Tracy, California. The broadcast is presented each Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. (PWT). It is a regular sustaining feature of KQW (740 kc), San Francisco and San Jose, Northern California outlet for Columbia Broadcasting System.

Clothing, equiping and feeding every soldier and each Army unit, and the challenging problems this task of supply gives the Quartermaster Corps, are the raw material from which "Quartermaster Quarter Hour" is produced each week.

Interesting facts from daily operations of California Quartermaster Depot, which operates 24 hours every day shipping supplies to fighting men at a great number of stations, are presented on these weekly broadcasts. The program follows a pattern of interviews with military and civilian personnel who know their subject—supplying the Army.

Object of the program is twofold:
(1) to explain to the soldier the behind-the-scenes romance of the delicious peaches, pineapple and milk at his mess and the warm clothes and blankets issued to him; and (2) at the same time to let the mothers, dads, girl friends and future men of the Army "in" on these same facts.

Programs to date have presented Col. Milton O. Boone, commanding officer; Major Robert A. Barth, in charge of warehouse operations; Lt. Col. J. H. Kintner, depot veterinarian, in charge of Food inspection; Col. A. W. Stanley, in charge of procurement; and Lt. Col. Don D. Dewey, in charge of Storage and Distribution.

COULD IT BE TRUE

Bennett Cerf, writing in the Saturday Review, puts into cold print the following story now going the rounds in Washington.

A Western Union messenger boy carried a telegram into the War Department on a Friday afternoon and finally emerged on Monday morning as a lieutenant colonel.

The man in the moon isn't half as interesting as the lady in the sun.

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Army Nurses Are Now Girls in Blue For the Duration

Civilian attire is now taboo as far as Army Nurses are concerned. War Department Circular No. 28 stated that the prescribed uniform shall be worn at all times, and it shall be the responsibility of the chief nurse to see that this ruling is conformed to.

Other than the initial issue, which is the Winter Uniform the nurses are permitted to wear the Summer Uniform. This consists of both a light and dark suit, and also a dress. The dark blue one-piece dress is approved for wear as an office or off duty dress. When worn with the overcoat, a dark blue scarf shall be worn or overcoat will be buttoned high. The light beige dress may be worn indoors both summer and winter as an off duty garment, but if worn under the overcoat a dark blue scarf is to be worn or coat buttoned high. Wearing of handkerchiefs not authorized with either dress.

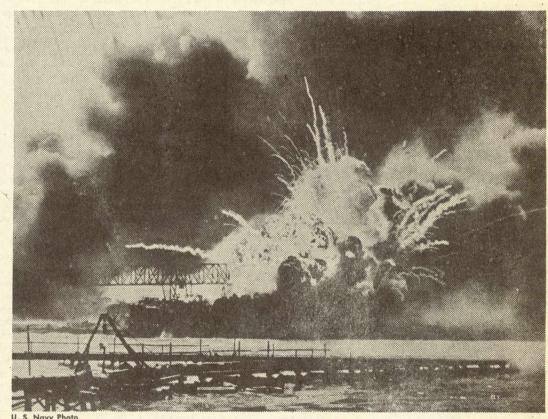
The Winter Uniform equipment is produced by and through the Quartermaster, and will be made available for purchase at sales commisaries. Summer uniforms are being made available for purchase at retail stores throughout the United States in locations easily accessible to the large majority of Army posts and stations.

Nurses may carry a plain black bag until such time as a regulation purse has been authorized. The same holds true for a plain tailored olive drab or dark blue raincoat.

The wearing of formal attire is left to the discretion of the commanding officer of the hospital.

A submarine needs 250,000 pounds of lead for storage batteries and 200,-000 pounds for batteries, altogether, as much as goes into the storage batteries of 8,200 automobiles.

Remember the Stab in the Back!



belch from the magazine of the Destroyer U.S.S. Shaw when smoke bombs found their mark during unprovoked raid on Pearl Harbor by Japs last Dec. 7. The Shaw was one of several ships hit in the attack which forced the United States into war.

New Chapel Opened At Fort Mason for Use of All Creeds

this week with simple dedicatory services highlighted by an address by Major General Frederick Gilbreath, Commanding General of the Port of Embarkation.

The program opened with an invocation by Chaplain Norman Gold-

formally opened on Wednesday of Brown, Post Engineer, to which and the ceremonies concluded with Colonel John Franklin, Post Commander, replied with a word of acceptance. A silken ribbon across the portal of the chapel was then cut by Chaplain Talmadge Witt, former Post Chaplain at Fort Mason, and the chapel placed in service. Prayer its establishment 145 years ago. berg and the speech of presenta- was offered by Chaplain Frederick

Fort Mason's new chapel was tion was delivered by Captain A. McDonald, present post chaplain, benediction pronounced by Chaplain Clarence J. Yeager.

The structure, of modified Spanish architecture, is a place of worship for all denominations and is the fort's first permanent chapel since

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Amendment to the **Liquor Regulation** Is Announced

The issuance of Army and Navy orders restricting the purchase of intoxicating liquor for all service men in the eight western states has been announced at the headquarters of Lieutenant General John L. De-Witt, comamnding general of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. The restrictions will become effective December 10, 1942.

The announcement, made with the concurrence of Vice Admiral John W. Greenslade, commander of the Western Sea Frontier, and Vice Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, commander of the Northwestern Sea Frontier, said service men will be prohibited from purchasing intoxicating liquor except between the hours of 5 p. m. and midnight in establishments where liquor is served for consumption off the premises. The sale or consumption of beer is not restricted.

States in which these instructions apply include California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Arizona.

Included in the announcement was a request that the civilian public assist in the protection of all service personnel and civilian workers in war industries from alcholic excesses.

State and municipal authorities were urged to provide that all establishments or portions of establishments where intoxicating liquor is sold on the premises will be closed not later than midnight and not opened before 10 a. m., and that all stores or portions of stores where liquor is sold for use off the premises be closed not later than 8 p. m. and not opened before 10 a. m.

The announcement said that in strategic localities where conditions are detrimental to the health and welfare of service personnel, further restrictions may be required. It asked that the public further protect service personnel by prohibiting the sale or service of intoxicants to any member of the armed services who obviously intoxicated, or to minors in the armed services and also urged that prostitutes be prohibited from entering public establishments where liquor is sold on the premises

The announcement made it clear that should any establishment fail to such premises would be denied to meet the restrictions as outlined, service personnel.

WELL KNOWN ARCHES ON FILLMORE STREET TO BECOME GUNS AND TANKS

one of the first delights of a native cers have asked the Army's Ordin revealing the wonders of San nance Department to seek bids from Francisco to a visitor was to drive to the top of Twin Peaks and show off the city and surrounding bay area when it was lighted at night.

The lights and shadows in the twinkling carpet spread out below made each district easily discernable-this section was the Mission. Potrero Street ran in that direction -over there was the Richmond and Sunset Districts and long Geary Boulevard; directly below was famous Market Street, and over to the left was another bright "lightline" that intersected the town, Fillmore Street with its high illuminated arches which extended down the length of one of the busiest and gayest avenues in San Francisco. The high curved spans were peaked in the center, adding to the unique attraction of the sparkling bands of light. Visitors were always intrigued by the twinkling of the gay arches; here was a part of town they wanted to explore; it promised light-hearted adventure and fun.

From the high Twin Peaks Fillmore Street, along with the rest of the city, now appears dark and quiet, but the dimming of the bright lights has only added to the determination of the residents of the Fillmore District that this is a total war. You won't see the Fillmore lights for a long time; the street's famed arches are going to war. Soon they will become tanks and guns.

Thirty-five years ago on Thanksgiving Day residents of the Fillmore District were joined by all of San Francisco for a fiesta. It was the official dedication of the booming business district's new steel illuminated arches, the fourteen signposts that have clearly identified the Fillmore district in the years since 1907.

On Thanksgiving Day of this year a few old Fillmore residents who remembered when the arches were constructed gathered at the Fillmore Merchants and Improvement Association's office, 1724 Fillmore Street, to further plans that will eventually result in the donation of the arches to this nation's metal scrap pile.

The association voted an appropriation of \$11,000 to build the arches

In the days before the dim-outs 35 years ago. Now association offiwrecking companies to dismantle the arches.

> The city of San Francisco and the merchants' association of the Fillmore have spent \$200,000 on those my and Navy. arches in the last 35 years. The merchants own the arches. The city has paid the electric light bill.

Every year upkeep and insurance cost \$2000. Ten years ago a major overhaul cost \$7000. And the yearly paint job totaled another \$7000 over the years. Annually, the city paid \$3000 to light the arches-a total of

Now the lights are extinguished to keep down "sky glow" and the metal is needed for armaments.

Roving Charlie Gathers No **Termites**

Because Edgar Bergen, mentor of block - headed Charlie McCarthy, "was overwhelmed by the spontaneous expressions of appreciation from the boys in service" he is currently making every effort to get the War Department's approval for an entertainment tour of the American bases in Ireland.

Bergen, whose Chase and Sanborn program is heard on NBC Sunday evening at 5:00 p. m., has been allout in his drive to entertain service men. He just recently completed a month-long junket of eastern training schools, stopping at West Point, Anapolis, Fort Monmouth, and Quantico. His usual routine is to put on a special pre-broadcast show for those who can't be accommodated during the actual broadcast, and two days each week he visits camps in the vicinity of his broadcast point.

"Nothing prior to my two-week trip to the Aleutians in August impressed upon me so vividly how much it means to our boys in service to have this sort of contact with the life they left behind them," Bergen

Charlie McCarthy, however, is not at all as serious about the whole thing as is his god-father, stooge Bergen. He's been court-martialed for accepting commissions in both the Marine Corps and the Army Air Forces. But nothing bothers Charlie -nothing, that is, except termites.

Home Folks Busy Keeping Up on Army Slanguage

The folks back home are spending the long winter nights learning a new language: Army lingo. Every profession, says the December issue of Coronet magazine, has its own special language-especially the Ar-

So to help folks out when you come marching home, on furlough or after the war, Coronet has designed a quiz especially for brushing up on the lusty lingo of the boys with the bayonets, tanks, big guns and planes.

But even though you're in the armed forces, declares Coronet, you may not be hep to all the words in this quiz. So here are a few of the questions. See how you do. Count 10 points for each correct answer, listed at the end of the quiz.

- 1. Brass hat
 - (a) Parade helmet
 - (b) Staff officer
 - (c) Water canteen
- 2. Dodo
 - (a) Top sergeant
 - (b) Cadet before he solos
 - (c) 88 millimeter gun
- 3. Prop wash
 - (a) A tall story
 - (b) Corn likker
 - (c) Dust kicked up in taking off
- 4. Canteen medals
 - (a) Free passes
 - (b) Second helpings
 - (c) Beer stains
- 5. Irish grapes
 - (a) Ale
 - (b) Buckshot
 - (c) Potatoes
- 6. A rebel
 - (a) Southern girl
 - (b) Army mule
 - (c) Irish-American soldier
- 7. Cross Bar Hotel
 - (a) Guard house
 - (b) Barracks
 - (c) Kitchen
- 8. Bath Tub
 - (a) Airplane cockpit
 - (b) Mud hole
 - (c) Motorcycle sidecar
- 9. Pillow pigeons
 - (a) Pleasant dreams
 - (b) Bed bugs
- (c) Oversleepers
- 10. Milwaukee goiter
 - (a) Swelled head
 - (b) Overstuffed waistline
 - (c) Swollen feet

(See Answers on Page 8)

BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

RADIOLOGICAL SERVICE RATES AN 'E' FOR EFFICIENCY

Let it all out-Don't breathe-Don't move-

. Breathe-

If you have ever been ordered down to the X-ray section for an intimate "look-see" at your innards the words of the above refrain will be familiar to you.

The experience is not as awesome as it might seem to the uninitiated passing through the darkened portals of the fleuroscopic room for the first time. Nor should we call the smile of Miss Una Lundberg something disarming as she greets the victims, pardon, patients-prior to the ordeal.

Just before the lights go out one has time for a quick look about the room. To the left four chairs in a row against the wall; to the right a small table with a shaded lamp covering a red bulb; in the center a sombre slab standing on end.

The stage is set and in walks the doctor. Over his white gown is a heavy rubber apron and in his hand a pair of heavy rubber gloves. He takes a quick glance at the papers pertaining to the number one subject-the first patient to be looked through-and extends the invitation to stand with back to the marble slab. Now even the little red lights winks out as the X-ray is heard humming in the distance. Through a movable screen the doctor is ready for his view and the Miss Lundberg plays hostess and offers what might



Capt. WOODROW W. SCHMELA, M. C.



Major FRANKLIN B. BOGART, M. C. Chief of the Radiological Service

not. The chalky flavor attests that. Koler is the lady in charge. There Holding one's nose is a good way to are no introductions but a calm swallow the mixture. The patient "Lie down on the table, please, hands drinks and the doctor begins to look, over head, face down," A calculating The heavy handed gloves do a bit survey is made. Some plate carriers of kneading in the region of the mid- are brought over; a drawer under riff. In our case he must have found the table slides out, in goes a plate, something because he took a pencil again Mrs. Koler sizes up the situand staked off a claim on a portion ation. Thenof our anatomy. While this was in process two internes slipped through the door and began to look over the doctor's shoulder. In the foreign language the medicos speak in the presence of their patients the doctor explained his find to his audience. It was all inconclusive to the patient, but not over by any means.

The pleasing voice of Miss Lund-

be a malted milk but definitely is to the next room where Mrs. June

Take a deep breath-Let it all out-Don't breathe-Don't move-

Breathe.

Everything is done with precision. there is no lost motion, as the successive exposures are made-and always to the rhythm of the theme berg invited the patient to follow her song of the service which begins

"Take a deep breath—" until Mrs. Koler says "That's all-come back at three o'clock. Don't eat-don't drink" "Next."

And all of the work in the radiological laboratory goes along under the competent supervision of Major Franklin B. Bogart who has been chief of that service since October of this year. The major is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, made his pre-medical studies at the University of Wisconsin and then went to Johns Hopkins University for his medical course. He at once adopted the specialty of X-ray work and has been at it ever since. For twenty two years he practiced at Chattanooga and in July of this year he volunteered his services to the Army.

Major Bogart was assigned to Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta and remained there until transferred to Letterman two months ago. The major married his school day sweetheart, Rose Alice Harloff, of Madison, Wisconsin. They have two daughters, one of whom is a student at Wellesley College and the other attending high school in Chattanoo-

The major has two able assistants in Captain Woodrow W. Schmela and Staff, Sgt. Maurice E. Bristow.

You can survive the ordeal of the X-ray lab visit if you will remember to "Take a deep breath-

Let it all out-Don't move-Don't breathe-" This is the end-you may breathe.



MAURICE E. BRISTOW NCO in Charge of Radiological Service.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL ONE YEAR AGO

One year ago-come Monday-we found ourselves in a state of war. Its declaration took the form which verified a standing prediction frequently repeated in officers' messes and clubs in all parts of the world—the announcement was made with bombs.

In the twelve months since that December morn the slumbering giant that is America has slowly roused from the traditional lethargy ever evident in martial matters. With the awakening has come the realization that an efficient enemy is waging war on us, and with that realization has developed the determination that the enemy must be defeated at all costs.

The costs are not to be counted in terms of cash. This is one project where victory cannot be bought by gold or silver alone. There must be added hard work, fierce fighting, and personal sacrifice on the part of every one in the nation.

During the past year our productive resources have established records surpassing all figures previously set but the year ahead demands production far beyond what is already a record. Our fighting forces have been dispatched to all parts of the globe and this year will find them in battle array against the common enemy wherever he lurks.

Sacrifice has been asked of those who remain at home and the response has been generous but in the next twelve it willingly in defense of our months still further sacrifices country. are ahead of us all. Sacrifice Ca that will cause pain even as the less?



A cheery letter from Colonel Ray Dart, who is 'way down under and happy in his exile. At least, as happy as a man can be so far from his family.

Major "Ted" Shoemaker quizzing the editor to learn if anyone had been around to razz the writer of this column for confusing 0330 with

A postcard from Miss Orah D. Stephenson, formerly of here and now Chief Nurse at Camp Stewart, Georgia, written in New Orleans and sending greetings to the "old gang." That lady certainly does get around.

Private First Class James Walters doing a good job as the Chief Clerk at the War Bond Office.

Miss Eileen E. Donnelly wearing the two black bands of the Chief Nurse in this man's Army-and congratulations to her on the promo-

A PRAYER FOR NURSES

Almighty God, grant unto all nurses deeper reverence for the mystery of pain. . . . Give us greater sympathy for all suffering, skill in relieving it, gentleness in ministering to it, patience in healing it, courage in overcoming it. . . . Grant us strength in all our difficulties. Guard our lips from indiscretion and irritation, our hands from harshness and negligence, our hearts from indifference. . . . May we bring comfort to the suffering, rest to the disquieted, peace to the dying. . . . Inspire us with zeal for the lowliest task. . . . Remember all nurses whose strength has failed, or who have been stricken in service, grant them health again and a speedy restoration to their career of usefulness. Amen.

bombs and bullets of the enemy bring pain to the men of the fighting forces. They bear

Can the stay-at-homes do



The hand of welcome is extended to the following nurses who have joined our staff since last week:

Miss Edith B. McTague was born in Streeter, Illinois, attended the Streeter High School, and took her professional training at the St. Francis' Hospital in Peoria, Illinois. After graduating in 1940 she was at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago for one year and recently at the Los Angeles General Hospital. She became a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve on November 26, and came to Letterman Hospital which is her first station.

Miss Vera Lund was born in Brigham City, Utah, and attended high school in her home town. After finishing one year of pre-nursing work at Weber College at Ogden, Utah, she enrolled at the Thomas D. Dee Hospital in Ogden for her professional training. Following her graduation in 1938 she was Charge Nurse in the nursery of this hospital until her appointment to the Veterans' Administration at Portland, Oregon. in November of 1938. She was stationed at the Veterans' Administration Facility in Portland until 1940 when she was transferred to the Veterans' Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps Reserve on November 27, and came directly to Letterman General Hospital. Her outdoor interests include tennis and swimming, and most of her leisure time indoors is spent listening to classical phonograph records.

Miss Hilda C. Johnson is a native of Phillipsburg, Montana, went to high school in Hamilton, Montana, and finished her nurses training at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula. affiliated with the University of Montana. After graduating in 1927 she did office nursing, private duty and laboratory work for two years before settling in San Bernardino, California, for twelve years. During that time she was associated with the County Hospital, St. Bernadine and Community Hospitals in that city. She became a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve on December 12, 1941, was stationed at Camp Haan for ten months, and then transferred to Camp Kohler. She will be stationed at Letterman Hos- station, Letterman Hospital.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In the Post Chapel:

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, December 6, 1942

Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

pital until she completes a course in anaesthesia, when she hopes to return to Camp Kohler.

Miss Helen G. Hibbard was born in Shanghai, China, but came to America to attend the Berkeley High School and take her professional nurses training at the Highland Hospital in Alameda County. After graduating in 1941 she served at the Oakland Clinic and did office nursing for a private physician. She became a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve on November 23, and her first station is Letterman Hospital. Her outside interests include tennis, swimming and collecting phonograph records.

Miss Mallie F. Mahaffay was born in Kansas City, Missouri, but attended high school in Valparaiso, Nebraska, and completed four years at the Wesleyan University at Lincoln, Nebraska, to obtain her Bachelor of Science degree. She taught high school at Rosalie, Nebraska, for four years and for one year at Valparaiso before deciding that nursing appealed to her more than teaching. She took her professional training at Omaha Methodist, did private duty for one year following graduation, and then was Assistant Superintendent and Floor Supervisor at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena, Montana, for seven years. For three months she went back to the Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska, as a medical and surgical ward supervisor, and then was requested to return to Provo, Utah, to assist in setting up and opening the Community Center Foundation Hospital, staying there as Assistant Superintendent of Nursing for three years. She has been a Red Cross nurse for the past ten years and became a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve on November 20 at Provo, and was sent from there to her first

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. GLENN R. NICHOLS

Tall, tan and cooking with gas and a cigarette lighter is Private Glenn R. Nichols, who was ushered into this world on the fourteenth day of December, 1921, in the small town of Anson, Texas.

At an early age the family moved to Abilene where our buck finished High School in 1937. In succession he attended Abilene Christian College, Hardin-Simmons, Business College and Texas Tech, pursuing the study of civil law. Defense counsel for the State in sham trials at Texas Tech, our highly personable Private now lacks but eighteen months of civil law to qualify for the bar examinations and has an appointment in a large law office in Dallas awaiting him at the end of the war. Verily, the eyes of Texas are upon him.

A letter man in tennis and a left tackle on the football squads at High School and College, our buck of the week was technically disqualified for the Varsity at Texas Tech because of residential requirements and had to content himself with prom huddles during tag dances where he tackled whom he considered "the wrong guy with the right girl." It is rumored that Dr. Shepley, Medical Interne, hung up his racket after a few sets of tennis with our articulate hero.

When inducted on August 25, 1942, Private Nichols was manager of an auto supply store and this experience seems to have aided him in a solution of the transportation problem which is adequately taken care of by a young lady who prefers blondes and has a convertible coupe to prove it. His hobbies are the piano; fishing, hunting and service dances.

Working in the Receiving Office Libby our six foot two, one hundred and ninety-five pound friend looks Gordon" and eats like "Wimpy."

OUARTERMASTERS REALLY GET UNDER THE GUNS AND BOMBS IN THIS WAR

ply depots are prime targets-and quartermasters are fighting heroes who do their office work with bullets. That's the tribute paid to the Quartermaster Corps in the December issue of Coronet magazine.

For the first time in our military history, QMs have been equipped with weapons and made answerable for their own defense. Over the green beize plotting tables where battles are won the chiefs of tactical operations no longer speak of the QMC. Today they're known as Secondary Infantry-and they don't plod behind the lines, either. Instead their convoys speed toward the front, penetrating the battle zone it-

That's why the Army's brown collar men have no illusions today about their supposedly safe berths. They know in this war these are NO safe places-and they proved on Bataan that they could hold their own-and more. There they wrote their name in blood. They lost much of their personnel through battle wounds, but most of them, laboring to bring up supplies were too busy to shoulder arms. They harvested rice when rations dwindled to a dangerous minimum. And even when surrender was only hours away, the QM transport crew still tuned up their jeeps and command cars so that batteries wouldn't go dead. As one of them explained: "We wanted to be able to take the offensive if help came."

Stop the work of the QMC for a single hour and it is unpleasant, says the Coronet article, to consider what would happen to the Army. Infantry, artillery and air forces are on the alert only during action against the enemy, but the QMC is on the job by its own command and without any let up. When the hectic pace of fighting subsides, supplies and equipment must be brought to the front as reserves. Burial details must be taken care of. Salvage collection must continue without interruption. Dozens of unit services and repair companies must swing into action in the lull between battles. At any time in modern warfare, even when they are five to a hundred miles behind with resourceful Staff Sergeant the front, blitz tactics expose the QMs to the triple hazard of bomb-

like "Flash Gordon," acts like "Flash May his anticipated shingle be in red, white and blue neon.

In mechanized warfare today, sup-ling, paratroops and fast motorised attack. They've got to protect themselves and their supplies. And as their fighting leader, Quartermaster General Edmund B. Gregory says: "First we make 'em soldiers; then

> They've already shown their mettle in desert, jungle and Arctic warfare. And not only is the QMC the supply agency for every branch of the Army, it is charged with transporting the Army on land and sea When fighting units roll to action. that's the time truck and car companies of the QMC work on the double. It's no sissy job to haul five tons of high explosive under blackout convoy when an error of judgment may send the driver into the ditch and Kingdom Come. Drivers of the Motor Transport units are the best in the business.

> Today QMs are serving with AEFs from Iceland to Australia, from Eritrea to the Aleutians. They're the boys who keep em rolling-and they can stand on their own wheels any-



To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Clifford L. Hooper, a son, Clifford Lamb Hooper, Jr., born November 25, 1942, weight nine pounds, six ounces.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Richard H. Brown, a son, Michael Bernard Brown, born November 26, 1942. Weight seven pounds, six oun-

'To Major and Mrs. T. L. Spockman, a daughter, Deeon Spockman, born November 29, 1942, weight seven pounds.

To Technician 4th Grade and Mrs. Walter L. Moline, a son, Michael John Moline, born November 30, 1942, weight seven pounds.

What with the meat shortage we may mistake a crack in the plate for a lamb chop.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MISS FAY FUOUA **Medical Social Service Staff American Red Cross**

Miss Fay Fuqua, who has just recently joined the Red Cross Staff of Medical Social Workers at Letterman Hospital, is extremely enthusiastic about her work here, and her background of social work proves her to be a valuable asset to the Red Cross staff.

Born in Ft. Worth, Texas, she attended the local high school but enrolled at the University of California at Los Angeles for four years, majoring in Physical Education. Before she finished college her interest in social work became apparent when she joined the Bureau of County Welfare. After graduating from college in 1934 she enrolled at the University of Southern California for a post graduate course in social work. From college she joined the State Relief Administration, going successively to the Federal Transient Bureau, the Travelers' Aid Society, back to the State Relief Administration, Travelers' Aid Society, and to the American Red Cross in April of this year.

Her first appointment in the Red Cross was at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, which she found very unique. It is an all-Negro station, and at the time she was there the staff personnel was being gradually changed to all Negro. As soon as a Red Cross Assistant Field Director of the Negro race was located for her post, Miss Fugua was transferred to Letterman Hospital.

Before social work absorbed most of her spare time, Miss Fuqua was keenly interested in field hockey, swimming and interpretive dancing. but now that her time is limited she confines her recreations to ice skating and badminton.

SPECIAL

With the December promotions congratulations are in order for the following men: C. Q. Office, Pfc. Eugene H. Beals and Pfc. Henry O. Pezzella to Corporals; Detachment Headquarters, T/4th Grade Benjamin T. Shedoudy to Staff Sergeant, and Cpl. Ewel E. Bessent to Tech. 4th Grade; X-Ray School, T/4th Grade Jason A. Hervin to Staff Sergeant; and Daniel F. Thomas to T/4th Grade; Medical School, Cpl. Dudley P. Cook to T/4th Grade. * * *

Thanksgiving Day has come and gone and the festive boards are still moaning. Ase we were gorging ourselves we couldn't help but wonder if the fellows really appreciated, and gave thanks for all they had. Did we think of the eager-eyed fighting men "down under" who perhaps were feasting on a fraction of what we had? Let's all hope that next year we will be as fortunate again.

2nd Lieut. Howard Dow, former enlisted instructor of the Medical School visited LGH this week end en route to his new place of assignment. Lieut. Dow just recently won his gold bars after taking his training at Camp Barkley, Texas.

Graduation again!! Last Friday the nineteenth class graduated from the various schools with an exercise held in the Red Cross Recreation Center. Following Lieut. Col. Shivers' speech, the diplomas, tied with maroon ribbon, the traditional color of the Med. Deartment, were given to all students warranting them by the officers in charge of the respective schools.

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Nathan Edelstein wandering around in his convalescant reds and teaching the Detachment boys a new trick or two.

S/Sgt. Jason Hervin receiving his new warrant and orders to go on convoy-with a few days at homethe same day.

The elaborate preparations for the influx of new students.

MORE BONDS FOR MORE BOMBS most of his time hunting and fish- ranks, and on November 11, 1942, TO BUST THE BUMS

LIBBEY AND HIS LIBRARY ARE BOTH INTERESTING TO HIS ASSOCIATES



Staff Sgt. EARLE E. LIBBEY, Med. Det. Assistant to Receiving and Evacuation Officer

"Why write about me," stated 1939 season that he bagged his first Earle, "I've had a most uneventful past and definitely uninteresting." Upon contacting him your reporter was greeted with this display of false modesty, false because dashing, debonair Staff Sergeant Earle E. Libby is "anything but."

Sergeant Libby was born May 22, 1920 in the small northwestern mining town of Twisp, Washington, and grew up in the surrounding sector, attending Twisp High School where he completed a business course. Besides performing on both the baseball and basketball teams. Earle was most prominent in school dramatics, refusing anything but the leading role in all plays. Did we mention modesty earlier in this story?

Upon graduation Earle was more or less a man of leisure for the following two years, working at small jobs now and then but spending since. He has since risen in the ling. It was on the first day of the was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

deer, giving him a feeling of a "stalking hunter making a kill," or "Nimrod the Great."

Earle's interests at the present are good music and good books. Being a member of the Book of the Month Club he has a large collection of the latest novels, both at home and on the post. Whether these books are ever read or not is another question. His personal taste in "good" music deals with boogie-woogie, and he has a large assortment of recordings. The best in everything for our featured sergeant.

September 18, 1940, through the advice of a very close friend, (we wonder), Earle enlisted in the Army Medical Corps, asking for Letterman General Hospital. He was soon obliged, and has been stationed here ever

Success to Sgt. Conrad H. Niemeyer and Technician 4th Grade Theodore F. Clark, who left this station during the week to attend Officers' Candidate School.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Phillip Passarelli appointed Sergeant, Orlo E. Hawk appointed Corporal, Arthur J. Corrasa appointed Technician 5th Grade, and Paul A. Koski appointed Private First Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Private John E. Perkins putting on ten pounds, just in case it becomes necessary to carry stripes around.

Private Glenn R. Nichols making a fancy bank shot on the snooker table in the branch P.X.

Private Vincent L. Barnes taking a post-graduate brush-up on Emergency Room technique. Wonder why?

Pfc. Mervyn Porter introducing some of the men to the flavorable delicacy of Shish Kabib-or is it Which Kabib?

Pfc. James Chan taking himself to dinner in Chinatown.

Pfc. Pat Sullivan appointed to the Chaplain's Office.

Believe It or Not

New York-Believe it or not, Robert L. Ripley:

Draws upside down-

Made the first ship-to-shore broad-

Lives alone in a 29-room country house and a 14-room city apartment-

Owns five cars but can't drive-Has been in China more than in his New York office-

Has visited 201 countries but speaks no foreign language!

The latest in blackout and air raid equipment is a blanket made of cattle hair, reinforced with a wire mesh center. Hung over a door or window. it blacks out the light and provides protection against flying glass. According to the manufacturer the blanket will char but won't burn.

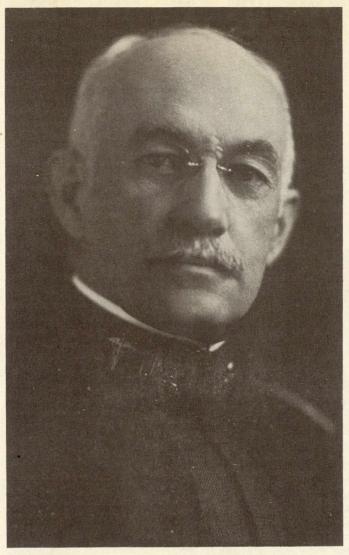
GENERAL GLENNAN AMONG THE EARLY COMMANDERS HERE

The fifth officer to exercise command of Letterman General Hospital was Brigadier General James D. Glennan-then a lieutenant colonel -who held this post from 1910 to

General Glennan was born in Rochester, New York, on March 2, 1862. He was the son of Surgeon Patrick Glennan of the Union Army during the Civil War. General Glennan graduated from Columbian University, Washington, D. C., with the degree of M. D., 1886. He was appointed assistant surgeon in the Army, October 29, 1888, with the rank of first lieutenant and was successively promoted through the various grades up to the rank of colonel, Medical Corps, which grade he attained on July 1, 1916. He was temporarily appointed brigadier general during the World War and later, brigadier general and assistant to the Surgeon General, in 1925. He was retired for age on March 2, 1926, but placed on active duty two days later in order to supervise construction work at the Walter Reed General Hospital and on which duty he remained up until the time of his death, which occurred at the Walter Reed Hospital on December 24, 1928.

During the early years of his service most of the assignments were Western stations. Among his more important details were the United States Military Academy, West Point; Fort Myer, Virginia, where, in addition to his other duties, he served as instructor at the Army Medical School; the Letterman General Hospital at San Francisco; the United States Soldiers' Home; and commanding officer of the Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington. He had extensive field service. He participated in the Sioux uprising of 1890 at Wounded Knee Creek and White Clay Creek and was commended for "fortitude and cool performance on duty under trying fire at Wounded Knee Creek."

During the Spanish-American War he served at Chickamauga and Camp Hamilton, Kentucky, and for a short time was assistant to the chief surgeon of the United States forces in Cuba. He left for the Philippines in 1899, and served there for nearly three years during the Insurrection. While serving at the Uni-



Brigadier General JAMES D. GLENNAN

ington he joined General Pershing's directly due to his energetic direc-Punitive Expedition to Mexico as surgeon. Upon the outbreak of the World War he was assigned to duty in the office of the Surgeon General, in charge of the Hospital Division. It was largely through his efforts that hospitalization throughout the United States was placed on so sound a footing. He departed for France in March, 1918, joined the Chief Surgeon's office and assumed charge of the hospitalization activities of the American Expeditionary

For his services in the World War General Glennan was decorated by France with the Madaille d'Honneur en Vermeil, and awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the United States with the following citation:

"In charge of the hospitalization division in the office of the chief surgeon, he directed the establishment, equipment and operation, as well as the evacuation service, of Force. Upon his return to the United all the American hospitals in France. States in March, 1919, he assumed By his keen foresight, untiring enercommand of Walter Reed General gy, and administrative ability he Hospital and much of the present solved successfully the numerous day development of that institution problems which confronted him, ted States Soldiers' Home in Wash- and the Army Medical Center was rendering services of the highest

value to the American Expeditionary forces."

General Glennan joined the Association of Military Surgeons in 1893, promptly after it was expended from a National Guard organization to include the military medical services of the United States.

He never married, although he was, especially as a young man, unusually handsome. But he was always extremely diffident and reticent, and the silences of Colonel Bramble were voluble compared with those of General Glennan. He was an excellent Medical officer and an administrator of marked ability. The grounds of the Army Medical Center will for many summers bear beautiful evidence to his love for trees and flowers.

Upon the occasion of his retirement for age on March 2, 1926, Bristidier General J. D. Glennan received the following letter from the Secretary of War:

> War Department March 2, 1926

My Dear General Glennan:

Upon the occasion of your retirement today from active service, by operation of law, I wish to express the appreciation of the War Department for the zeal and loyalty which has characterized your splendid service of over thirty-seven consecutive years.

Since your appointment as Assistant Surgeon in 1888 your superior officers have been unanimous in commending you for your marked intelligence, ability, and initiative. Your service with the American Expeditionary Forces as Surgeon in charge of the Hospitalization Division in France will remain as a monument to your judgment and initiative, as will your work since the World War in developing the Army Medical Center in Washington, D. C., to the satisfying high position which it now occupies among the medical establishments of the world. Great numbers of persons who have been benefitted at that institution during the last seven years are deeply indebted to you.

I can assure you that the whole Army joins me in wishing you many happy years of rest after your long period of patriotic service to your government and your country.

> Very sincerely yours, (Signed) DWIGHT F. DAVIS Secretary of War

OUR CAMERAMEN



KENNETH V. McVEY Tech. 4th Grade, S. C.

This week we display the fine features of Kenneth W. McVev. another of our ace cameramen over at the Photo Lab of the 9th Service Command.

Ken is a native of Tucson and a former student of the University of his home state. Went in for a lot of swimming and came up with a lot of medals in that sport.

Before his induction in May, 1941, he was a student of photography in the Art Center School in Los Angeles and worked at the job later. Ken is a married man and lives with his wife and David Lee, who was born here last month.

And we would like to add there are more than four aces in the pack at our Photo Lab.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

December 5 and 6:

"WINGS AND THE WOMAN"-Anna Neagle and Robert Newton. Also short subjects.

December 8 and 9:

"WAKE ISLAND"-Brian Donlevy and MacDonald Carey. Also short subjects.

December 10 and 11:

"MAJOR AND THE MINOR"-Ray Milland and Ginger Rogers. Also short subjects.

NEW CHAPEL OPENED

(Continued from page one)

The new chapel, located on a landscaped triangular plot of ground immediately east of the flagpole at post headquarters, seats 350 persons and is designed to accommodate services of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths.

Doesn't anyone tell you you're a great guy? I'll tell you you're a great guy!! 5c per lie.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

During this first week of December the following named civilian employees have arranged to save part of their salaries through payroll deductions for the purchase of War Savings Bonds:

Lucille V. Schultz Lois A. Wilson Ruth Sterten Margaret M. Lerner Elizabeth R. Ganson Patrick O'Brien Richard H. Price Joanne Edlin Jean R. Carley Rae E. Phelps Rosemary Decker Charles Straube Natalie S. Jones Marian H. Harman Dr. Joseph A. Pence Dr. Felix R. Shepley Albert Lemmon Henry Schneider James W. Mason Peter N. Selesnioff Louis C. Mosher Frank M. Sinclair George C. Taylor Frank Adams Erlow C. Beckner

Caroline M. De Lue Bertram J. Garmeson Earl F. Boston Sadie E. Ganson Julio Jucutan **Alvin Cheetham** M. Jeannette Hoyt Margie Bertelson Joseph Marea Aileen C. Kilkenny Margaret Frame Evelyn L. Neal John H. Heaney Katherine F. Eckert Shung Lew Wing Lee Ngook Jew Ho **Knud Poulsen** John W. Hunt Adolph Duhagon John Marsala Ned M. Harrison Achille K. Jensen Birdie Green Sarah H. Beckner

ARMY NURSES

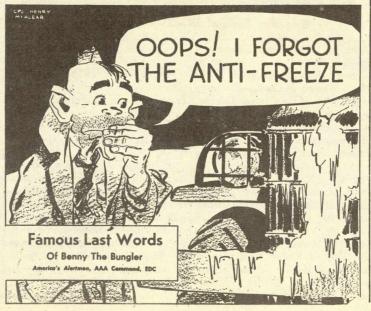
The following members of the Army Nurse Corps started saving through War Bonds this week:

2nd Lt. Florence Friedman 2nd Lt. Loretta M. Levden 2nd Lt. Irene Bukky June S. Vogel

2nd Lt. Vera Lund

BUY BONDS-BYE BYE JAPS

BUY PLENTY OF BONDS



Chaplain MacNeil **Has Timely Topic** For Sunday Service

At ten o'clock service in the post chapel on Sunday morning Chaplain Donald M. MacNeil will preach on 'America's Part In The World Revo-

Personnel and patients of the command are cordially invited to hear this timely topic.

THE ARMED FORCES

War Secretary Stimson announced Army furloughs will be granted between December 12 and January 12 to no more than 10 per cent of the enlisted strength of any camp or station at any one time. Stimson said many young officers have been transferred from Washington jobs to combat duty, and they will continue to be transferred until at least twothirds of the officers on duty in Washington will be men more than 35. The Federal Communications Commission announced that after December 1 members of the armed forces and persons sending money to them will receive a 50 per cent rate reduction on domestic telegraph money orders up to \$25.

NAVY

Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Staff to President Roosevelt, said aircraft carriers, large and small, escort vessels, landing boats and other kinds of naval units are about to be built "with a timing almost equal to the pre-War mass production of motor cars." He said the U.S. is building submarines in a little more than one year, twice as fast as before the war-aircraft carriers are being built in 17 months-battle ships, that used to require five years, now take three destroyers require six months, one-third of the former

Home Folks Quiz Answers

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- 1. Staff officer
- 2. Cadet before he solos
- 3. A tall story
- 4. Beer stains
- 5. Potatoes
- 6. Southern girl
- 7. Guard house
- 8. Motorcycle sidecar
- 9. Bed bugs
- 10. Overstuffed waistline

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Former Letterman Patient Achieves Splendid Record'

It does not seem so long ago when the then Lieut. Richard K. Carmichael, AAF, was hobbling around the corridors of this hospital with his leg in a cast resulting from injuries sustained in a forced landing.

More recently the now Lt. Col. "Dick" Carmichael received the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action in making things hot for the Japanese in the Solomon Sector.

Just a few days ago Colonel Carmichael returned to the United States and with the background of his experience spoke at a press conference on the value of the land based airplane. The 19th bomber group of which Carmichael was the commander has achieved a marvelous reputation and he knows whereof he speaks.

Talking to reporters in Washington one day this week, Colonel Carmichael made the statement that land-based bombers can sink any warship afloat including fast destroyers. He maintains that ships find it impossible to escape a pattern of bombs laid across the sea by a group of bombers regardless of how fast the surface craft might be able to maneuver.

Colonel further said that 18 or 19 planes constituted a force sufficient to lay patterns about any type of craft. He told, also, of one instance where a bomber flew beneath low clouds during the last stages of the Milne bay landing to sink a fast destroyer with a single bomb dropped from 1500 feet. "He caught her just in the turn," he said of the bomber pilot who was not identified.

Asked about the effect of concussion when bombing from such a low level, he said the result was that



Brigadier General FRANK W. WEED, Commanding General, pinning the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart on Major Edward V. Hughes, Army Air Force.

500 feet a minute. "But," he continued, "If the target is under the clouds and you are above it, it wouldn't do much good to drop bombs from above the clouds."

Amplifying the effects of concussion, he said that even at 4000 feet, the plane seemed to be rising about planes can feel bombs go off when

using the 1000-pound type.

He praised highly the B-17's now assigned to the group, saying that where they first saw action, their planes were without a tail gun, but now they "have guns sticking out all over them."

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Major Hughes Gets **Decoration for** Meritorious Deeds

The medal of the Order of the Purple Heart was presented to Major Edward V. Hughes, Army Air Force, on Tuesday afternoon of this week in the office of the Commanding General, Colonel C. W. McMillan, Executive Officer, read the citation covering the award and Brigadier General Frank W Weed pinned the medal on the blouse of Major Hughes. The citation accompanying the award follows:

Under the provisions of paragraph 11, AR 600-45, 8 August, 1932, as amended by Changes No. 2 10 August 1938, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters Hawaiian Department, 1942, Major (then Captain) Edward V. Hughes, 0299191, Air Corps, is awarded the Purple Heart for outstanding performance of duty and meritorious acts of extraordinary fidelity and essential service during and subsequent to the attack of Hickam Field, T. H., by Japanese forces (aircraft) on 7 December 1941. Major Hughes, then Adjutant of the Ground Defense Battalion, Hickam Field, immediately after the inception of the first attack began organizing gun positions and procuring supplies and ammunition. During the attack he was several times subjected to direct fire from enemy planes, but he continued his work throughout the attack with complete disregard for his personal safety. Following the attack he worked ceaselessly for several days completing defense preparations. During this entire period he displayed exceptional initiative, calmness and courage. The devotion to duty, fidelity and leadership displayed by Major Hughes reflected great credit upon himself and the military service.

COL. FRICK, LETTERMAN C. O. 30 YEARS AGO, LIVES IN S. F.

Sixth in the succession of commanding officers of Letterman General Hospital is Colonel Euclid B. Frick, who thirty years ago assumed jurisdiction of this institution. Perhaps it was the love of San Francisco as a city engendered in Col. Frick during his tour as commanding officer, or it may be the well known value of California sunshine, or it may be something else, but whatever the reason, Colonel Frick is still a resident of San Francisco. and it is now his home town.

Colonel Frick was born in Philadelphia shortly after the Civil War and has many memories of that campaign because his father, Dr. A. P. Frick was in service during the entire Civil War as Major and Surgeon of the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and later for many years as active Assistant Surgeon of the U.S. Army.

The public schools of Philadelphia, including the Central High School of that city was the source of Colonel Frick's preliminary education. For medicine he attended the University of Pennsylvania for one year but later moved out to California and received his degree of doctor of medicine from the University of California in 1888. He made post graduate studies in the University of Pennsylvania and was Resident Surgeon at the U.S. Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C., until he was appointed Assistant Surgeon with rank of First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, October 28, 1889. Colonel Frick went through all the ranks of the Medical Corps and was promoted to grade of Colonel July, 1916. He retired at his own request after thirty years service on November 4, 1919.

Colonel Frick's service during his active career reads like a partial roster of stations occupied by troops of the U. S. Army. He was first ashe had an opportunity for field service in the Sioux Campaign in the winter of 1890-1891. He successively became Post Surgeon at Ft. Townsend, Washington, and assistant to the Post Surgeon at the Presidio of San Francisco. During the Spanish American War he served with the Third Artillery and later was Camp Surgeon with the Siege Artillery in Florida. His next move was to Ft. Wadsworth where he commanded a hospital at that post established to receive patients evacu- Frick went into private practice in many years of experience.



Colonel EUCLID B. FRICK, M. C. Commanding Officer at Letterman General Hospital 1913-1914

ated from Cuba and Puerto Rico. On relief from that assignment he became Post Surgeon at San Juan, Puerto Rico and was later surgeon at Morro Barracks, Santiago, Cuba.

Colonel Frick then became commanding officer of Letterman General Hospital where he served many years. He moved up following this to be assistant to the Department Surgeon, Western Department, and down to Texas to be Division Surgeon, Western Department, and down to Texas to be Division Sursigned to Ft. Keogh, Montana, where | geon of the Second Division. After Pershing's punitive expedition into Mexico he was Commanding Officer at the Base Hospital at Columbus, New Mexico. In his record also we must mention that he was the Post Surgeon at Fort Mills, located on Corregidor Island which was later destined to be a battle ground in this war. Prior to his retirement Colonel Frick was the Department Surgeon, Headquarters Western Department, located at San Francisco.

On returning to civil life Colonel

San Francisco and was later appointed superintendent of the San Francisco City and County Hospital where he remained for six years.

The outstanding memory in the Colonel's service is the hurricane of August, 1915, which struck the camp of the Second Division at Texas City with ensuing destruction of property and great loss of life.

Colonel Frick has been awarded the following medals for service: The Indian Campaign, Spanish War, Army of Cuban Pacification, Medican Service and Victory Medal of World War I.

The passing years have only served to endear the personnel and patients of Letterman General Hospital to Colonel Frick. He is a frequent visitor and a staunch admirer of those who daily carry on the work which he helped to advance in Another Damm Name Story! his own day. He is always a welcome caller and we hope that for many years to come he will find time to drop in to give us the benefit of

Allotments May Be Increased Under **New Regulations**

The War Department has announced that it would permit soldiers to allot a larger amount of their pay for dependents, for life insurance payments and for savings

This is to accommodate "personnel in the field who have home demands on their pay in excess of the amounts which heretofore could be allotted, or who find themselves in possession of more pay than is necessary at their present stations."

Officers, warrant officers and Army nurses now may authorize monthly allotments to an amount not exceeding their combined base and longevity pay, increased pay for overseas service, rental and subsistence allowances. Previously only base and longevity pay and subsistence allowance could be allotted.

Enlisted men, who previously could allot only an amount equal to their monthly base and logevity pay, may now allot also their overseas pay and the rental allowance for their dependents, providing that at least \$10 a month shall be available for direct payment to the soldier to meet his personal needs.

Mrs. Phyllis Jones Joins the Local **Red Cross Staff**

The office staff of the American Red Cross attached to Letterman Hospital has been increased with the appointment of Mrs. Phyllis Jones who will act as the receptionist and secretary to the Field Di-

Mrs. Jones is a graduate of the University of Washington where she majored in sociology and has had some experience with Army work in her prior assignment in the recruiting of women for the WAAC.

The other half of her family, Lieut. Bradley T. Jones, is serving with the Infantry in far off Aus-

Ft. Harrison, Ind.—There is a soldier here who is causing comment and confusion among personnel clerks. His name is Pvt. General King. "General" is his given name.

SOLDIERS SEE SHIPBUILDERS SHAPING THINGS TO COME

On invitation of Mr. James R. Moore of the Moore Drydock Company, last Monday five enlisted patients from the hospital went over to the ship yards located in the Oakland Estuary to participate in services commemorative of the start of the present World War. The patients were accompanied by Chaplain Donald M. MacNeil of the hospital staff.

The program for the day at the ship yards was arranged by Mr. Ralph Henricus, Director of Recreation and Welfare of the shipbuilding concern. On the schedule was an opportunity to speak to the employees of the yard and that assignment fell to Pvt. Anthony Manganiello who had lately returned from service in the South Pacific and was in possession of facts that would meet a ready response from an audience of ship builders.

The arrangements were very complete. Transportation was furnished from the hospital to the ship yards and Miss Margaret Whitley, designated as Moore hostess for the day, assisted by Miss Nancy Newson, were the escorts for the honored guests.

On arrival at the ship yards the patients were conducted on a tour of the activities under the direction of Miss Whitley. There were no closed sections to this particular group of visitors and they had an opportunity to see all hands in action on the home front.

The program timed the arrival of the army visitors at the East Yard for 11:30 in the morning, where a



Miss MARGARET WHITLEY
Moore's Hostess for the Day



Left to right: Arthur Kolde, Chaplain Donald M. MacNeil, Miss Margaret Whitley, St. Sgt. Harry A. McCracken, Miss Nancy Newsome, Pfc. William D. Raymond, Pvt. Anthony Man-

gimelli, and Pvt. Charles Reynolds. The little lady with the list to starboard was the chauffeuse of the party.

combined musical organization composed of the Moore employees played a number of selections. Then Chaplain MacNeil spoke briefly and was followed by Mr. James R. Moore who delivered an address on the importance of Pearl Harbor Day and its significance for all Americans.

At the conclusion of the prepared program in the East Yard the patients moved over to the ways where a new freighter, the S. S. Meteor was to be launched. After very brief ceremonies the christening of the ship was performed by Mrs. John S. Slavich, First Lady of Oakland, and the new vessel glided down the ways to take its place with America's fast growing merchant fleet.

On completion of a further tour of inspection of the yards the patients adjourned to the Hotel Oakland to be the luncheon guests of the Moore Drydock Company, after which they were escorted back to the hospital.

Those participating in the ceremonies for the occasion were Staff Sergeant Harry A. McCracken, Pvt. Arthur Kolde, Pvt. Charles Reynolds, Pvt. William D. Raymond and Pvt. Anthony Manganiello.

Laff of the Week-

A private stationed at the Army Air Force Basic Training Center, N. J. was ordered to wash and clean an officer's inner sanctum. Quickly he went to work. Happily humming a song, he wiped the desk, cleaned the chair, dusted the books. A half hour later the officer walked in. Everything was tip-top—except the floor.

"Private," remarked the officer, "wasn't the floor washed"

"No," replied the private.

"No WHAT?" exclaimed the irritated officer.

"No mop," said the private meekly.

Vaudeville Show Is Well Received

Vaudeville came back to its own, at least for the evening, when on Monday last the patients were treated to a variety show under the direction of Pvt. "Tony" Mangiamello, who is himself a patient.

Numbers were staged by Willie Henderson, Pasquale Pizzano, Richard Sellers, Bill Raymond, Ennis Beaumont, and Pvt. Bruce. The cooperation of Mrs. Jean Ruley, Recreational Director for the American Red Cross staff at the hospital, made it all possible. Her encouragement and practical assistance were invaluable.

The headliner for the show was Private James Cutler—a man who does things with an accordian—and it is hoped he will not put his pushpull music box in moth balls for a long while. The patients could stand for a lot more from him.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

SHOULD IT BE OPTIONAL?

In the series of interviews conducted by the War Bond Officer with prospective purchasers during the past week some very illuminating statements were made in defense or extenuation of the attitude of non-participation in the campaign to encourage the purchase of War Bonds by the civilian employees by means of payroll deductions.

The lady who ended up her excuses with "It ought to be optional, anyway" merits a reply in print.

This country has always been proud of the constitutional right to exercise our options in practically everything concerning our duties as citizens. The individual freedom belonging to everyone is a precious possession but there are times when we must refrain from exercising that freedom for the common good.

The men of the armed forces fighting on land, in the air, or on the sea are foregoing their individual freedom for the time being in order that the same freedom may be preserved for all of us. They think enough of it to risk their lives to attain that end.

On the home front we have to forego certain foods which under normal conditions are plentiful but right now are needed in the war effort. To take or leave such foods "ought to be optional" but circumstances demand otherwise.

fighting forces; all of us must below with our dollars to pay for the war in defense of the right to have an option. The few who optional.



Happy grins covering the faces of Pvt. Patrick O'Rourke and Clifford Petty as they started on a sick furlough. Pat heading for New York and Cliff for Georgia.

Patient **Trinidad Montoyo** doing a good job of knitting—or stringing a beaded belt to while away the long hours of the day on F-2.

In the series of interviews conducted by the War Bond Officer with prospective purchasers during the past week abouts—and he has a host of 'em.

. . .

Captain John W. Calder coming in as a patient and looking up Sgt. John F. Dorton who has been here as a patient for a long time. Both fought the battle of a mid-Pacific isle and had lots to talk about.

Lieut. Dale W. Briggs, formerly a member of our detachment, coming in for a few words with his one time messmates.

Captain Louis F. Arnone taking over a new job with mucho gusto.

Chief Nurse Sara C. Brogan pinch hitting as a bridesmaid and not being a bit nervous even though it was her first appearance in that role.

OUR RED CROSS

Offices are located on the second floor of the Administration Building. Office hours daily except Sunday from 8:45 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

After office hours the field director and staff members may be reached by telephone through the hospital Information Office.

Jack Benny defines Christmas as the time when a girl wants her past forgotten and her present remembered.

wish to exercise their option in the matter of buying defense bonds in the negative show little appreciation of what citizenship in this country means to everyone.

Buying of War Bonds ought to be a privilege. If we lose this war there will be nothing optional.

BUY BONDS

The following named civilian employees and nurses have authorized payroll deductions for purchase of War Bonds during the second week in December:

Zita Kelly William A. Fransen Willie Brooks Frank Albrecht Sadie Murry Edward M. Billingsley James F. Elower Eleanor G. Poskus **Battista Viglione** F. Frederic Amandes William E. Maddocks Mary B. Danicich Zelda A. Murphy Ventura Lozano **Eugene Clasby** Perfecto Sotelo Mary Burke Anna Jacenko Mike Hovespian Leonard C. Carlsen Anne M. Hall Rebecca Suben Lois J. Mullins Huldah A. Steinmesch

NURSES

2nd Lt. Ellen M. Karppi 2nd Lt. Dorothy A. Donovan 2nd Lt. Alice G. Wallenberg 2nd Lt. Ellen A. James

2nd Lt. Sally Hayes

TO ALL PATIENTS

The Commanding General desires to bring the following notice to the attention of all concerned:

The Hush-a-tone which enables you to listen to hospital broadcasts is a very valuable asset to the morale of this command. If rendered unfit for use by carelessness or deliberate misuse, it cannot be replaced. If you enjoy the radio broadcast remember that those who will later be patients will also enjoy it if you are careful with your Hush-a-tone. It is worth more than its weight in gold.

War Can't Halt Dates, Major Concedes

Ellington Field, Tex.—Maj. A. C. Greig concedes you can't ration love and that nothing can be done about officers and men dating girl mechanics. "But," he writes in the Post paper, "two minutes is plenty of time to make arrangements."

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, December 13, 1942

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.
NOTE: The Olympic Glee Club,
under the direction of Mr. George
Cusick, will present a program of
Christmas music on Sunday evening, December 20, from 6 to 6:30
at the regular Sunday evening service held at the Red Cross
Recreational Building.

VICTORY DEPENDS

I am a Soldier, tried and true, Who fights, in order to subdue The Axis foe across the sea— For Victory depends on Me.

I am a fighting Sailor lad
Who sails in weather, good and bad,
To sink our foe upon the sea—
For Victory depends on Me.

I am a bold and brave Marine
Who lands on shores I've never seen
To fight and smash the enemy—
For Victory depends on Me.

An Aviator, bold, am I
Who knocks the Axis from the sky
And sinks their ships upon the sea—
For Victory depends on Me.

I am a steady working man
Who works to build the best I can
The ships, the planes, the guns, you

For Victory depends on Me.

Americans, let's do our part
And work and work with all our
heart.

Let each one say with certainty— That Victory depends on Me.

God, our Father, to Thee we pray To guide us on our stormy way. Inspire, and make each one to see— That Victory depends on Me.

Walter K. Wilson

Charlie McCarthy says his new girl friend is so bashful she pulls down the shade to change her mind.

ON THE SPOT



1st/Sqt. GEORGE HODGE

Weighing 210 pounds and standing six feet one inch tall, First Sergeant George Hodge of the 754th Tank Battalion is typical of the First Sergeants that all draftees dream about. Rugged and tough in appearance, he gives one the impression of "woe to the man who crosses me."

Big George calls the glass manufacturing center of Corning, New York, his home, for it was there he was born September 26, 1904. Upon completion of school he obtained a job with the largest company of its kind in the world, the Corning Glass Works.

In 1923, after remaining with this company for several years, he enlisted on May 1, 1923, in the First Tank Company, stationed at Staten Island, New York. Upon completing his first hitch, Sgt. Hodge left the army to be married, but it wasn't long, approximately thirteen months after resuming the life of a civilian, that he re-enlisted. He rejoined his old unit, assuming the same position and rank he held before. George remained at Staten Island until 1940, when he was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia, helping to form the 68th Light Tank and the 67th Medium Tank Regiments. In August of 1940 he was transferred to Fort Knox, Kentucky, and it was at this post that he was promoted to First Sergeant.

Came May, 1941, and he was again assigned to the 754th Tank Battalion, at Pine Camp in New York. It was from this camp that he was sent overseas for duty at Australia and later New Caledonia. It was while in Caledonia that George became ill and was hospitalized, eventually being shipped back to the States and LGH.

Red "I dood it" Skelton says he's not superstitious, but that he believes being without money is hard nursing to attend the San Francisco luck.

CALL TO ARMED FORCES GENEROUSLY ANSWERED BY MANY NEW NURSES

land, Ohio, as her native town, finished her four years of high school at the Madison Memorial High School in Madison, Ohio, and did clerical work for the following two was promoted to Assistant Supervisor. The next year she became head nurse on the male surgical floor at Mt. Sinai, and taught student nurses practical nursing. In 1939 she came west to Hollywood and did general duty at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital until she became second assistant in the nursing office. For the last two years she was assistant to the director of nurses. On November 30 she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve and came to Letterman Hospital.

Miss Loretta M. Leyden was born in Independence, Iowa, attended the Hazelton Iowa High School and took her professional nurses training at the Mercy Hospital Training School at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. After graduating in 1929 she did general duty for the first six months and private duty for the next six months at the Peoples' Hospital in Independence. For the next six and one half years she was assistant superintendent of the hospital supervisor of surgery at the same hospital and in 1937 transferred to the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Hollywood where she did general duty until 1939 when she went into medical records. On November 30 she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve and reported to Letterman Hospital.

Miss Dorothy A. Donovan names Hollister, California, as her home town, attended Notre Dame High School in San Jose, and was city librarian in San Jose for seven years before entering nurses' training at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco. Upon graduating in 1933 she worked as Surgery Supervisor at Mary's Help in San Francisco for one year, in the Admission Office at St. Mary's, and did surgical nursing at the University of California Hospital. She took "time out" from private College for Women for approximate-

Miss Irene Buhky claims Cleve- ly two and a half years to study nursing education. Following this phase of her career she worked at the San Francisco Hospital in surgery, St. Mary's as night superintendent in obstetrics, O'Connor Saniyears before entering the Mt. Sinai tarium in San Jose for three and a Hospital in Cleveland for her nur- half years as obstetrical supervisor. ses' training. After graduating in She became a member of the Army 1934 she did general duty at Mt. Nurse Corps Reserve on December Sinai Hospital for six months and 4, and reported to Letterman General Hospital.

> Miss Jane S. Vogel hails from the northwest, claiming Spokane, Washington, as her home town. After finishing the Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane, she worked for a year in a doctor's office, which definitely decided her to take up nursing as a career. She entered training at the St. Lukes' Hospital in Spokane and graduated in May of 1942, then did general night duty at the West Seattle General Hospital. She joined the Army Nurse Corps on December 1, and came south to Letterman Hospital.

Miss Florence Friedman was born in Chicago, Illinois, but moved with her family to Los Angeles at such an early age as to be practically a native daughter. She attended the Polytechnic High School and took her training at the Los Angeles County Hospital. After graduating in 1938 she continued there, being assigned to the Operating Room. She entered the Army Nurse Corps on November 30, and came to her first station, Letterman General Hospital. Skiing is also Miss Friedman's main interest in sports, but she has decided bicycling will have to substi-

Miss Ann Ghormley was born in Greenwood, Missouri, but moved to Kansas City while very young, and feels that it is her home town. She attended high school there and took her nurses training at the St. Luke's Hospital in the same city. After graduating in 1929 she worked at St. Luke's Hospital doing private duty until she came to California in 1936 and did head nursing in the Out-Patient Department of Stanford Hospital in San Francisco. She was at this hospital until her induction into the Army Nurse Corps Reserve on December 7.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



JOSEPH C. SALAZAR

A new addition to the Letterman General Hospital Detachment is Private Joseph C. Salazar, who, upon his recent discharge from the hospital joined the station and was assigned to the post laundry.

Born June 9, 1920 in El Paso, Texas, he nevertheless refers to Los Angeles, California, as his home for it was when he was but a lad of five years that the Salazar family moved from Texas to the western metropolis. He attended Lincoln High School, majoring in printing, which, upon his completion of school, enabled him to work on a Spanish newspaper owned by his brother. He later left this job in favor of the California West Coast Dyers Union where he remained until drafted January 15, 1942.

Joe was sent first to the induction center at Fort MacArthur, California, and then to Payne Field, Washington, for his basic training. Upon completion of said training he was assigned to the Medical Corps and transferred to Ft. McDowell, California. It was from this post that he was sent overseas on May 8, 1942, arriving at Willer Field, Hawaii. He was assigned to an underground emergency station.

In September sickness, caused by climatic conditions, forced Joe to be hospitalized and eventually transferred to Letterman.

Serve in Silence

in Pittsville, Maryland, went to high school in her home town, attended Western Maryland College for a music major, and took her professional nurses' training at the West Jersey Hospital in Camden, New Jersey. She was head nurse for five years in a private institution in Boston, Massachusetts, before coming west to Reno, Nevada, where she did some office nursing prior to en-Miss Rebecca Shockley was born tering the Army Nurse Corps.

Success to S/Sgt. James E. Bohler and T/5th Grade Ted A. Griset who left during the week for Officers Candidate School.

Congratulations are in order for Edward Blythin, Alexander Kuzmoski, Charley R. Schleider and Werner N. Blackstad appointed Sergeants; Michael Flaz appointed Technician Fourth Grade; David B. Goodman, Sidney Royse and Joseph P. Pagan appointed Corporals; Frank Cabbanne, Jr., Walter V. Prigge and Oren A. Fuller appointed Technicians Fifth Grade, and Vincent L. Barnes, Stuart E. Curtis, Ernest R. Drey, Merrill Harvey, Frank B. Rawlins, Edison W. Renaud, Braulio P. Lizardo and John Haberstch appointed Privates First Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/Sgt. Herbert L. Liger's name often seen among San Francisco Bridge Tournament "firsts."

. . . Sgt. Arthur Harris checking on travel rates to Reno, Nevada.

Pvt. Michael Slobodek consistently breaking all track records in the discharge of his duties.

Sgt. Anthony Domingos fondly recalling a certain "daily-double" last week at Bay Meadows.

Cpl. August J. "Gus the Barber" Piette wondering how Sgt. Domingos does it. . . .

S/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., looking through the motion picture magazines for his idea of the "perfect" wife.

Cpl. Harold M. Junso's daily piano practice session at the Y.M.C.A.and good.

Pvt. William O'Brien not missing a movie in town between fencing matches.

Sgt. Ross H. Morey completing his tab on football "wins" for the season and deciding T/Sgt. Herbert L. Ligier should retire with his football prognostications.

ANOTHER BLACK BAND ADDED TO MISS EILEEN DONNELLY'S CAP



EILEEN E. DONNELLY Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.) A. N. C.

The announcement of the promotion last week of Miss Eileen E. Donnelly to the position of Chief Nurse, with rank of First Lieutenant, in the Army Nurse Corps should be good reading to the citizens in the City of Brotherly Love, sometimes called Philadelphia for the purpose of locating it on a road map.

Miss Donnelly was born in Philadelphia, graduated from the Catholic High School of the same city, and took her professional training in the Misericordia Hospital there. Following the completion of her course she did private duty nursing for a time to military life.

Her appointment to the Army Nurse Corps, Regular Army, took place in 1937 and her first assignment was at Walter Reed General Hospital where she served three years before going off to the Paradise of the Pacific for a two year tour at Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu. Just before the war began she was ordered home to the mainland and to station at Letterman.

During the year prior to her promotion she was on duty on Ward A-1 and more recently in the Fever

Therapy Department. Her longest tour was spent as assistant to the housekeeper in the Nurses Quarters where one of her duties was to loop her arm through the little wicker basket and trot over to the post office for the nurses' mail three times each day. It is not known whether or not she exercised the traditional postman's prerogative of perusing all the post cards but it is known that the mail always went through when entrusted to her care.

Our reporter tried to get some kind of a story out of her even if it had to be a Philadelphia story but in the home town and then turned he met with no success. Miss Donnelly shares the traditional reluctance of the Army nurses to talk about themselves and when a reporter has a certain amount of space to fill Army nurses are no help to meet a dead line.

> Miss Donnelly wears the two black bands on her cap and perhaps in time will acquire the demeanor of a Chief Nurse, (a remark we decline to explain) but up to now she still has a pleasant smile and we like to believe it will always be in evidence. It is a smile that beguiles -she is Irish, you know.

SPECIAL

Lieutenants James M. Geiger and Leonard S. Buck; S/Sgt. Benjamin T. Shedoudy; Technicians 4th Grade Dudley P. Cook and Lawrence F. Miller; and Cpl. Daniel J. Mahoney, Jr., received their certificates of completion of thirty hours in Chemical Warfare last Friday. The class of approximately thirty was honored by the presence of the Commanding General of Letterman, General Weed, who distributed the diplomas.

Congratulations are again in order for the following promotions: Laboratory School, T/5th Grade Frank A. Seaburn to T/4th Grade. X-Ray School, T/5th Grade Fred B. Hartzell to T/4th Grade. Dental School, T/5th Grade Maurice Deitz to T/4th Grade, and Charge of Quarters, Pvt. First Class Walter E. Pulling to Cor-

Another man from the Detachment has left for OCS. T/4th Grade Ewell E. Bessent left the post Saturday for Fargo, North Dakota, where he will begin his training in AAC. We know "Bess" will make an excellent officer and wish him the best of luck.

The School forges ahead, and its newest addition is the library in Building T-49. Under the supervision of Lieut. Orville B. Nelson, assisted by Sgt. Waite, the purpose of the library is to give the students a quiet place to study and use of the reference books from the various schools. Hours are from 6:00 to 10:45 p. m. week days and from 2:00 to 5:00 and 6:00 to 10:45 p. m. on Sun-

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE

The Non-Coms dashing hither and yon trying to buy their Christmas presents early.

INCIDENTALLY

What two Non-Coms are conducting a beautiful fued-and why????

Gals To Drive 21/2 Tonners

Ft. Mac Arthur, Cal.—Ten women employees have been assigned to drive half-ton trucks here. It is expected they will be used to drive 2½ ton jobs later.



Second Lieut. Henry J. Brown, recent graduate of the Q. M. School at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, and also of the Motor Transport School, Fort Crook, Nebraska, dropped in this week for a chat with his former associates. Lieut. Brown served as First Sergeant of the Quartermaster Detachment here before attending Officer Candidate School.

The new civilian faces seen in the Supply Division are Lois Wilson, Sales Commissary; Beryl Nelson, Office Director of the Supply Division; Eleanor Poskus, Procurement Department of the Issue and Storage Branch, and Stella Haynes, Mollie Chrystal, Louise Armstrong, Mollie Head, Cora Crooks, Bell Waite, Alice McGinley, Elizabeth Massberg and Pvt. Wallace Alvarez of the Salvage and Reclamation Section. The latter is the newly organized sewing project for repairing and keeping in good condition the uniforms of the enlisted personnel.

A very interesting letter was received from George R. "Andy" Anderson this week. He is now Seaman First Class in an eastern naval training station. Mr. Anderson served as general procurement clerk prior to his enlistment.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

DECEMBER 12 and 13:

THE BIG STREET—Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball. Also short subjects.

DECEMBER 15 and 16:

POWDER TOWN-Victor McLaglen and June Havoc. Also short subjects.

DECEMBER 17 and 18:

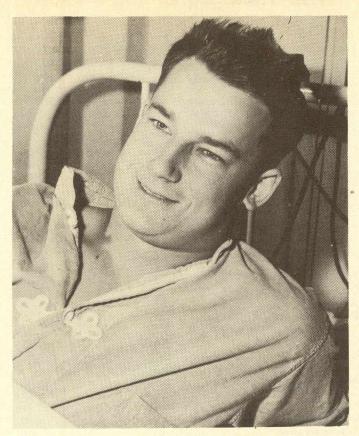
PANAMA HATTIE-Red Skelton and Ann Sothern. Also short subjects.

The Stork Was Here

To Sgt. and Mrs. Johnnie A. Wilkerson, a daughter, Nita Jane Wilkerson, born December 4, weight seven pounds, twelve and a half ounces.

Serve in Silence

BAILING OUT OF A BOMBER TO LAND IN THE JUNGLE NOT THE BEST THING



Sqt. LAWRENCE JOHNSON, Army Air Force The hospital bed is a lot softer than the jungle floor.

The experience of bailing out of a when it crashed, had set the tinderbomber at night over the uncharted wastelands of Australia with a resultant fractured leg when he landed, and then lying for two days helpless in the desert heat before rescue was effected was the predicament of Sergeant Lawrence A. Johnson, now convalescing at this hospital.

The bomber, of which Johnson was radio operator, had been swept by storms off its return course from a reconnaissance flight over Japanese supply lines. And as the fuel gauge registered empty the pilot ordered all crew members to "jump for it" rather than attempt a night dead-stick landing over strange territory.

"Well," Johnson reported, "the pilot was blown miles away from the rest of us. The navigator was killed outright; one of the crew members suffered a hip fracture and I received a broken leg for my efforts. To make matters worse we

dry brush country afire and we were virtually encircled by flames before we realized it."

"If it hadn't been for the courage and ingenuity of the two gunners who landed near us," he continued, "who improvised splints for the two of us, carried us through the flames of the brush fire and still managed to salvage one of the parachutes we would probably still be there-but burned to a crisp."

He continued, "the next day was uneventful. Just hot! The salvaged parachute was stretched over the charred tree tops of the blackened area as a distress signal and then one of the gunners went to look for water. No water-and getting hotter every minute.

"On the second morning a scouting plane flew over and dropped us two canteens of water which certainly helped, and then he flew to a native village about thirty miles distance had only been down a short time and told them to help us. They came, son. But he is ready any time Uncle when we discovered that our plane, but not until we had just about giv- Sam calls again.

Crack Down Ahead For Nuisances in Military Uniforms

The War and Navy Departments have agreed that members of the Army military police, members of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard shore patrols, and officers, noncommissioned officers and petty officers of the service, shall be authorized and directed to take corrective measures, including arrest if necessary, in the case of any member of the armed forces committing a breach of the peace, disorderly conduct, or any other offense which reflects discredit upon the services. Personnel so arrested shall be returned to the jurisdiction of their respective services as soon as prac-

Those exercising authority hereunder are enjoined to do so with judgment and tact. Particularly, arrest should not be resorted to where corrective measures will suffice.

The details for effecting this procedure shall be worked out jointly by the military and naval authorities in the various areas concerned.

BUY BONDS—BYE BYE JAPS

en up all hope of being rescued.

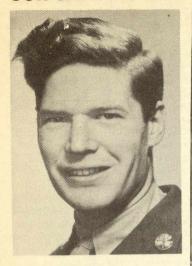
"The rest of the trip was uneventful, except it was mighty rough making the next hundred miles to our base hospital on those stretchers." he concluded.

Johnson is of southern extraction having been born and raised in Smithfield, North Carolina, and he completed the first year of an electrical engineering course at Woffoord College, Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1938 before adverse financial conditions ended his college career. Between 1938 and his enlistment into the army at Charlotte, North Carolina in October, 1940, he spent the summer months helping his father work the family tobacco farm and the winter months in the employment of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Upon assignment to the Air Corps, Johnson began to travel and after service at many posts throughout the country including schooling at the Technical Radio School at Scott Field, Illinois, he finally found himself winging his way over the Dutch East Indies in pursuit of the enemy.

Where or when he will return to duty is unknown to Sergeant John-

OUR CAMERAMEN



RICHARD CRAWFORD T/5th Gr., Signal Corps

The man who heads this column for the present edition is a native of the Empire State and came into the service with the National Guard of New York from his home city of Albany.

Photography has always been a hobby of his and Uncle Sam decided to let him ride his hobby instead of hiking with the infantry and so he landed at our Photo Lab.

His is the unique distinction of being one of the new photographers hereabouts who is neither engaged or married. And with that thick wavy brown hair, too. How come?

REPORT ON PEARL HARBOR

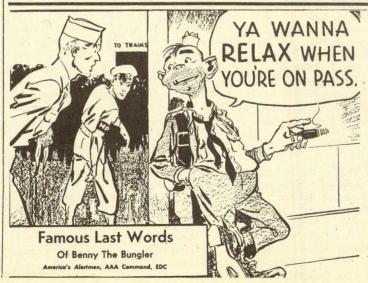
The Navy Department announced that all of the eight battleships in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1942, were hit, seven of them temporarily disabled and one, the Arizona, permanently and totally lost. Those reported damaged have returned to the fleet, while others critically damaged have returned to the fleet, while others critically damaged are being repaired and will soon be ready for battle action. Of the 202 U. S. Naval Aircraft based at Pearl Harbor, 150 were permanently or temporarily disabled. Army planes destroyed totaled 97. As a result of the Japanese attack, 2,343 officers and enlisted men of the U.S. services were killed, 1,272 wounded, and 960 are still reported as missing.

The' Navy estimates that 105 enemy planes took part in the attack, and that the enemy lost 28 aircraft and 3 submarines of 45 tons each.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Listed below is a statement of the number of employees saving part of their salary through the authorization of bond payroll deduction. We are below the figure set by the Secretary of War who believes that at least ninety per cent of the civilian employees should invest at least ten per cent of their pay in War Bonds. The spirit of Letterman should prompt all to better the present situation even though these current figures represent a substantial increase over previous **Employees**

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	Number of	Buying	Per-
Department	Employees	Bonds	centage
Civilian Personnel		10	100
Special Service Schools	7	7	100
Library		2	100
Chaplain's Office	1	1	100
Post Engineer	75	72	96
Quartermaster Corps	14	13	92
Unit Personnel	20	18	90
Surgical Service		8	88
Physio Therapy	8	7	87
Dental Technicians	15	13	86
Gardeners	14	12	85
Dieticians		11	84
Ward Attendants (Male)		25	78
Registrar's Office	14	11	78
Laboratory		18	75
Medical Supply		7	70
Mess (Female Attendants)		62	69
Janitors	31	19	61
Nurse's Quarters		39	60
Occupational Therapy		3	60
Transportation	5	3	60
Mess Attendants (Male)		3	60
Laundry		37	54
X-Ray		5	50
Chief Nurse's Office	2	1	50
Medical Service		2	40
Internes		3	25
Outside Police		1	25
Adjutant and File Room		1	20
	573	414	72



Long Rest Not So Beneficial For Our Kealers

The Letterman Bowling team lost a three game series to Richlien's Service in the 875 House League at the Broadway Van Ness Alleys when play was resumed after the holidays.

The Letterman team was outmatched in all three games, starting out with about a thirty pin lead in the second frame and ending on the losing side by the same margin.

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz was not showing his best as lead-off man on the LGH team, having to use a loose fitting ball. This was his lowest series so far in the league with a

Sgt. Wilcox had the high game series of the match with a 588 triple, with a 237 game for the last match. Cpl. Marano was second high with a 542 and a 198 game as his high for the evening.

Sgt. Yohe and Mottier weren't able to hit their stride as in the past, each being below their average.

Following are the results for the evening:

RICHLIENS	SERVICE			
Baccetti	194	163	176	533
Rouch	178	161	187	526
Crosby	145	139	198	482
Rosa		159	160	477
Sands	189	190	159	538
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Total	864	812	880	2556
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Kuntz	148	145	170	463
Yohe	185	158	165	508
Marano	186		165 191	
	186			
Marano	186 167	165 184	191	542
Marano Wilcox		165 184 144	191 237 190	542 588 483

FORMER LGH PATIENT

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The group has no official box score—some of its records were lost in the Philippines, more were burned in Java and the officers are trying to piece out a history from personal notes and diaries. Officials said, however, that the 19th was believed to have destroyed between 300 and 400 Japanese planes on the ground, and probably more in the air. Collectively, its members wear more than 1000 decorations for valor and skill

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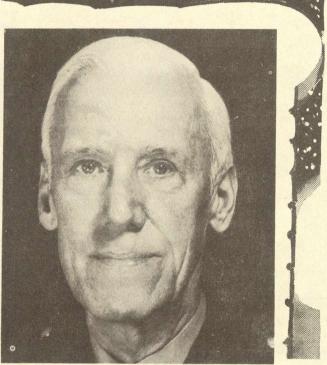
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Christmas Greetings

This birthday of the Prince of Peace comes to a world at war but the message of the herald angels on that first Christmas morn still has a meaning for men of good will.

To us as Americans there is a mandate to contribute our efforts to the maxmium degree to bring back a state of Peace after Victory and to that end each must do his part.

To the patients and personnel of this command I express the wish that an interior Peace may be yours. Peace born of the knowledge that each of us is doing his best for our Beloved Country to bring a speedy return of Peace to the world.

FRANK W. WEED
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Commanding

Christmas To Be Celebrated Here in Approved Fashion

Despite the fact that we as a nation are very much engaged in a global war, as far as possible under existing circumstances the program for the celebration of Christmas will be carried on as in former years.

On Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon in the Recreation Center, there will be a Christmas tree party for the children of the command. Santa Claus will be there in person with a gift for every tiny child, and a short program will precede the distribution of the gifts.

A committee in charge under the leadership of Mrs. Frank W. Weed and assisted by Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. Dwire, Mrs. Whitely, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Donald Moore and Mrs. Williams, has given much time to the necessary preparations for the party. Captain Lewis A. Arnone has also assisted with the work of making things ready for that day.

Under the direction of the American Red Cross there will be distribution of creature comforts and gifts to the patients on the wards. On Christmas morning, December 25, the religious observances of that day will begin with Mass in the Post Chapel at 6:00 o'clock and another Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 o'clock. At 9:00 o'clock Chaplain McNeil will deliver a message to the patients over the post radio system and at 10:00 o'clock he will conduct a Christmas service in the Post Chapel.

OCS To Supply Officers

Washington—According to Secretary of War Stimson, the Army will now depend almost entirely upon Officer Candidate Schools for its supply of officers.

PRESENT AND FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS OF LETTERMAN



LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL is unique in that all of its commanding officers who still survive live in San Francisco. We do not believe any other Army organization can make a similar claim. Reading from left to right—with dates of tenure of command, front row: Colonel John P.

Kendall, 1901-1904; Colonel Euclid B. Frick, 1913-1914; Brig. Gen. Albert E. Truby, 1922-1924. Rear row: Brig. Gen. Wallace DeWitt, 1927-1931 and 1940-1942; Brig. Gen. M. A. W. Shockley, 1931-1935; and Brig. Gen. Frank W. Weed, present commanding general.

Portable Hospitals Save Soldiers' Lives

Melbourne, Australia-Medical of- | fields of New Guinea. ficers here told how soldiers' lives

"They should be called 'lifesaver' have been saved by portable Army hospitals," one officer remarked, pitals their lives would be endanhospitals erected near the battle "because they enable operations to gered."

be performed promptly. If these operations were delayed while the soldiers were being moved to base hosBE A BLOOD DONOR TODAY SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW

BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

400 Serve in Silence

LETTERMAN VETERANS HAVE LIVED MANY CHRISTMASES HERE

"Christmas comes but once a year," but there is a quartet of four sergeants stationed at Letterman Hospital that has accumulatively seen a total of 82 Christmas seasons come and go, and are still adding to their score.

To Technical Sergeant James C. Strickland, who has been in charge of the post office of the hospital for the past 23 years, Christmas is a word which makes him automatically reach for the aspirin bottle, but he remains cheerful in spite of the



S/Sgt. JAMES C. STRICKLAND

pressure of the holiday mail and he and his staff serve the patients and personnel of the hospital in efficient and friendly manner. Sgt. Strickland enlisted April 10, 1914, and came to Letterman five years later, where he has been ever since. During normal times the hospital post office has approximately \$25,000 worth of money orders pass over the counter during the first half of the month, and even with the "free" postage close to \$1,000 worth of stamps are sold by Sergeant Strickland and his staff. So think what it must be at Christmas time!

Sergeant Jay Y. Connell enlisted in the United States Army at Los Angeles on December 31, 1917. His first assignment was to the 9th Ambulance Corps at Schofield Barracks, in Hawaii. In September of 1918 he was assigned to Camp Fremont, California, and in March of 1919 transferred to the Medical Department,



Sergeant JAY Y. CONNELL

Quartermaster Corps and remained at Letterman. Since that time he has been on duty in the powerhouse, commissary, and in the electrical shop, where he has been for over 16 years, making a total of 23 Christmases spent at Letterman. Sergeant Connell was promoted to grade of sergeant on August 20, 1931. He is the proud possessor of nine honorable discharges upon completion of enlistments all with character "excellent." Just as an idle conjecture; we wonder how many miles of Christmas tree lights Sgt. Connell has untangled and put in good order during his 23 years at Letterman?

Another old timer is Master Sergeant Frank S. O'Brien who has been at Letterman since 1923, in charge of the Baggage and Clothing Room. If myth were fact, we'd wager that Santa would give one of his good reindeer for a man like Sergeant O'Brien. In his long tour of duty in this department he has de-



FRANK S. O'BRIEN Master Sgt., Med. Dept.

vised a system of checking baggage and clothing so that everything is Letterman General Hospital. In readily accessible on request. With career is unique in that Letterman April, 1920, he re-enlisted for the hundreds of patients coming and go-

ing through this department all would be confusion were it not for the able direction of Sergeant O'-Brien. Preceding his years of service at Letterman is a colorful and active army career. In March, 1917, he enlisted with the 107th New York Infantry and was sent overseas as a machine gunner. While with this regiment he saw service in the Belgium sector of the East Poperhinge, Dicke Bush Lake, Versviant Ridge, Ypres, and in the French sector of Knoll-Guilemon Farms, St. Quintin, and Cambrai. To his division fell the honor of smashing the Hindenburg line on September 29, 1918. O'Brien, on his discharge from the 27th Division subsequently enlisted with the 17th Cavalry for duty in Honolulu. In 1922 he reported for duty at Letterman Hospital and was first assigned to the Dental Clinic. A year later he was transferred to the Clothing and Baggage Department where he has been for the last twenty years.

The junior member of the oldtimers quartet in length of years spent at Letterman is Master Sergeant Theodore Schmierer, Chief Clerk of the Medical Supply, who has seen 16 Christmas' come to the Hospital. He enlisted in the United



M/Sgt. THEODORE SCHMIERER

States Army on December 5, 1926, at Letterman General Hospital. He became a corporal on August 11, 1936, sergeant December 1, 1939, staff sergeant December 1, 1940, and technical sergeant March 1, 1941. His

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War Dept. Outlines Discharge Process For Over Aged Men

The following extract from Circular No. 397, W. D., Washington, D. C., December 7, 1942, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

II. Discharge of men 38 years of age and over.

1. Certain enlisted men who by reason of advanced age, 38 years of age and over, and unable satisfactorily to perform military service, but who are qualified to assist the national war effort if discharged from the Army.

2. Authority is granted by this circular to discharge such men for the convenience of the Government, subject to certain limitations.

3. The basis for decision by the officer having discharge authority to discharge such an enlisted man will be that the enlisted man-

a. Has voluntarily requested discharge in writing to his immediate commanding officer.

b. Is handicapped by advanced age, 38 years and over, to such an extent that his usefullness to the Army is secondary to that of in-

c. Has presented satisfactory evidence that he will be employed in an essential war industry, including agriculture, if he is discharged from the Army.

4. In considering applications for discharge under this circular, each case will be considered on its individual merits and no enlisted man will be discharged unless a suitable trained replacement is present and available.

5. All enlisted men, upon submission of application for discharge under the provisions of this circular, will be informed that-

a. The policies as to discharge stated herein are subject to revision or revocation at any time, and that acceptance of an application for discharge will not be considered as a promise to release an individual. The acceptance of an application merely means that the enlisted man's request will receive consider-

b. Discharge from the Army under this circular is in furtherance of the war effort, and not a right of the enlisted man.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To a world at war there seems to be very little to be merry about this Christmastide but in the brave effort to keep up our spirits the same old wish has been expressed in the same old way on all sides these days.

War is a grim state of affairs and even the exultation which accompanied victories in the field ever has an undertone of sorrow over the death and destruction which is the normal concomitant of battle.

To many this Christmas there will come the official message of sad tidings — a loved one killed in action, died of wounds, or what is worse, "missing," with all the uncertainty yet still offering a ray of hope that another day will bring another message more cheery in content.

To each and every one of us there should come the resolve to lend our aid to the common cause we now unite to defend—the right to liberty for ourselves and for all mankind: the determination to do our part so well that when Christmas comes again we may say and mean and feel that it is a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

MOVING PICTURES

DECEMBER 19 and 20:

PRIORITIES ON PARADE—Jerry Colonna, Ann Miller and Vera Vague. Also short subjects.

DECEMBER 22 and 23:

THE POSTMAN DIDN'T RING— Richard Travis and Brenda Joyce. Also short subjects.

DECEMBER 24 and 25:

SOMEWHERE I'LL FIND YOU— Clark Gable and Lana Turner. Also short subjects.



Major Julia C. Stimson, former Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, and now on the retired list, was a visitor to Letterman during the past week. Miss Stimson has the distinction of being the only nurse to hold the rank of Major at the present time.

Miss Evelyn J. Hart, Chief Nurse at the Station Hospital of the Reno Air Base and formerly of this hospital, writes from the Biggest Little City in the World to describe her new station and duties.

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Miss Mary Katherine Cuppy, who always wished to include the Katherine in her mailing address, reports from Modesto that all is well. She is the assistant Chief Nurse at Hammond General Hospital.

. . .

During the past week the following members of our nursing staff have left us for duty at a new station in Utah: Catherine E. Lowe, Lillian A. Bucciarelli, Blanche Diggs, Betty J. Strable, Gertrude M. Fuez, and Fern M. Childers. They take with them our best wishes for a happy tour of duty in their new surroundings.

Some one thinking aloud was overheard to remark that it would be a good idea for the nurses to hold "Open House" in the Recreation Room on Sundays from five to seven. The junior officers from the nearby stations would appreciate an invitation of that kind.

Miss Beth Veley lent her assistance to the opening program of the Treasury Department's newest radio campaign to further the sale of War Bonds on Tuesday evening over KGO

OUR RED CROSS

Offices are located on the second floor of the Administration Building. Office hours daily except Sunday from 8:45 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

After office hours the field director and staff members may be reached by telephone through the hospital Information Office.

Serve in Silence

Our Army Chaplains Conducted 52,758 Services in Month

A release from the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, War Department, Washington, D. C., gives the following summary of the activity of the Chaplain's Corps.

Chaplains' reports show that 52,-768 church services were held for United States Army troops throughout the world during July, 1942, with a total attendance of 2,667,793, the War Department announced. The average number of men attending each service was 50.57.

There are still 211 reports which have not yet reached the Office, Chief of Chaplains, and no statistical compensations have been made for these.

When the soldier could not come to the church the church came to him wherever he was—on the march, in camp, or at an isolated gun position. Chaplains have become accustomed to covering hundreds of miles of territory in jeeps or station wagons to bring church services to the soldiers. In the last year outdoor worship has become a regular occurrence.

Sacraments were administered on 34,523 occasions during July with 321,759 participants. A total of 316,-103 pastoral and community activities were recorded at which 3,892,798 people were present.

Chaplains made 40,690 hospital and guard house visits during the month.

In addition Chaplains solemnized 3,221 marriages, officiated at 650 baptisms, heard 5,359 professions of religion, including adult baptism, and distributed 95,582 testaments and Bibles.

The Stork Was Here

To Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas E. Mc-Carthy, a son, John Francis McCarthy, born December 9, weight seven pounds, eleven ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. James J. Mc-Donald, a son, James Joseph Mc-Donald, born December 10, weight eight pounds, three ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Sherd W. Baker, a son, Sherd W. Baker, born December 14, weight six pounds, eight and three-quarters ounces.

. . .

To Major and Mrs. Robert P. Haffa, a son, Robert P. Haffa, Jr., born December 15, weight nine pounds, five and one half ounces.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, December 20, 1942

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m. Radio service to all wards 9:00 a.m.

The Olympic Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. George Cusick, will present a program of Christmas music on Sunday evening, December 20, from 6:06 to 6:30 at the regular Sunday evening service held at the Red Cross Recreational Building.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Thursday, December 24, 1942

Midnight Mass at the Presidio Post Theater.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Friday, December 25, 1942 In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services: Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services: Morning Worship at 1000 a. m.

Radio Service to all wards at 9:00 a. m.

Through the courtesy of Colonel George Munteanu, Commanding Officer of the Presidio of San Francisco, the Post Theatre has been made available for the Midnight Mass to be celebrated on Christmas Eve for the military personnel of the command and their families. Colonel Munteanu has placed the entire facilities of his command at the service of the committee making the arrangements for the occasion.

Through the cooperation of Chief Warrant Officer Lynne E. Decker, Bandleader of the 4th Army Band, musicians from his organization will participate in the program being arranged. The presence of the bandsmen has received the approval of Lieut. Colonel George B. Wescott, Headquarters Commandant, 4th Army.

Soldier Holds Legal Limit in War Bonds

Ft. Sill, Okla.—A legal maximum of \$10,000 in war bonds is held by Pvt. Royce D. Boyle so he cannot buy any more through the payroll deduction plan. Pvt. Boyle apologized for owning so many bonds when an officer explained the payroll plan recently.

ON THE SPOT



Fr. ROBERT EDWIN MORRIS

Just recently returned from overseas service on the Fiji Islands, and now a patient on Ward M-1 is Private First Class Robert Edwin Morris.

Bob, one of the most friendly and popular patients on his ward, was born August 5, 1917, in the manufacturing town of Sharon, Pennsylvania. At an early age the Morris family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where Bob received his schooling, attending Shaw High School, and later the Fenn Engineering College. That college held night classes, and to complete or receive the equivalent to a college degree, the student was required to attend seven years. Pic Morris had completed five and one-half years of a Mechanical Engineering Course, when the draft picked him as one of its early subjets, inducting him into a new life February 7, 1941.

He was first sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where he was assigned to the Medical Corps attached to the 148th Infantry Regiment, as a company aid man. In December, 141, Bob was sent to William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas, where he received an advanced Medical Course, graduating with a 96% average in his studies. Upon completion of this course, he was reassigned to his old outfit, now stationed at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania.

It was from this post that he was transferred to overseas duty, in May, 1942, and stationed in the southwest Pacific. While there, he applied for Officer Candidate School, but unfortunately his physical condition did not warrant his acceptance. He has since re-crossed the Pacific and has been added to the roster of ailing at L.G.H.

MORE BONDS FOR MORE BOMBS
TO BUST THE BUMS

It's the Same Old Army Gag

Humor in the Army and Navy remains about the same all through the years. Rub off the camouflage and they are nearly the same gags that have been used from the Revolutionary War right up to now. They're almost all based on confusion and embarrassment. K. P. gags are always good for a laugh and the idea of a big strapping soldier with an apron peeling potatoes looks and sounds funny. Gags about the bugler, misfit uniforms and kidding officers are always sure fire.

I believe one of the first gags used in any war was the one about the soldier being told by the officers of the court martial that he will be shot at sunrise. "You can't shoot me at sunrise," said the soldier. "Why not?" "Because I don't get up that early," was the reply. And still is.

My partners, "Senator" Ed Ford and Harry Hershfield, and I, get a good chance to see how the old army and navy jokes are switched by glancing at the mail we get on "Can You Top This?" our joke-swapping program heard each Saturday night over NBC. Listeners are almost as adept as professional jokesters in switching old jokes, and since we're in a wartime atmosphere, the folks in the living rooms of this nation are naturally trying to give their jokes a fresh military flavor, but that's a difficult thing to do. The boys at Valley Forge heard them first.

The Navy gets many laughs from green gobs who know nothing about ships or the sea. One that dates way back is about the young Irish sailor who sees an anchor laying on deck for the first time in his life. He looks at it for about ten minutes and then remarks, "I'd sure like to see the man who can lift that pick!"

Of course in these days of tanks and jeeps, the jokesters just switch old Ford gags around to fit the situation. Like the soldier driving a jeep and bouncing all over the place. An officer stops him and says, "What's the idea of bouncing like that?" "I have the hiccups, sir!" is the answer. That's an old Fordy.

Even in our airplane branch they have some old gags that still fit. Many years ago there were ballonists and parachute jumpers. "What happens if this parachute doesn't open when I jump from the bal-

Sgt. Kuntz Sends The Pins Aflying To Set New Record

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz set a new city record while bowling for the San Francisco News Diamond Medal Tournament Tuesday night at the Golden Gate Bowling Alleys. In the first rounds of the city-wide elimination contest to find a new champion for the following year, Sgt. Kuntz rolled games of 259, 201 and 247 for a 707 total, the highest ever recorded in the News event, and Sgt. Kuntz's first 700 series in match lay. Lots of Army supporters saw Kuntz starting out with a string of strikes and they stuck with him throughout, giving him encouragement. Several of the contestants dropped out after they saw Kuntz's high opening game.

Sgt. Mottier also qualified for the second round by knocking them for a 549 triple. Sgt. Wilcox, who also entered the tournament, was eliminated after the first two games because of such low scores in his "average class."

The San Francisco News Tournament is sponsored by the local paper and is played on the elimination basis. Fifty per cent qualify for the second round and twenty-five per cent for the third round, then they go into the semi-finals, leaving just a few of the high ones for the finals. The tournament is then based on a handicap system according to their averages and the championship medal is awarded.

In the regular league the Army won one game out of three with Sgt. Kuntz still high with a 608 triple. In the two-three game series Kuntz only had a single miss to mar his perfect record.

The remainder of the league games will be suspended until after the holidays, but the News tournament will still be rolling and bowling fans will witness the crowning of a new champion to represent San Francisco along about Christmas time.

BUY BONDS-BYE BYE JAPS

BE A NAZI KILL-JOY BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

Serve in Silence

loon?" "Why you will get a new one."

Yes, sir, they are still using that one, and didn't have to replace it with a new one.

-Joe Laurie

BUCK OF THE WEEK



FRED J. KRONFIELD

Enlisted; honorably discharged; enlisted; honorably discharged; enlisted;? This repetition of words more or less sums up the past of Private Fred J. Kronfield now assigned to duty in the G. U. Clinic. Fred, born 45 years ago in Mankato, Minnesota, has been in and out of the Army so often one is confused on checking his past record.

It was in 1916 that he first enlisted in the Army, at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, when his brief career as a boxer was brought to an end as a result of a hand injury. He served on the Mexican border until June of 1917, when he received a dependency discharge. For the following year he worked with the transport service, carrying troops to France; and then in June 1918, he re-enlisted in the Army. This time Fred was assigned to the Aviation section of the Signal Corps, stationed at Vancouver Banks, Washington. With the Armistice in 1918, Fred was again discharged.

Upon his return to civilian life Pvt. Kronfield again joined the transport service and made several trips to the Orient. But by 1924 he had left the service, and went to work as a structural iron worker on the San Francisco Telephone Building. This was a dangerous job, Fred and one other worker were the only men willing to work beyond the 30th floor.

Illness forced him to be hospitalized, and leave this work. Upon his recuperation he obtained the position of company commander with the rank of captain of the Veterans Administration Facility Hospital in Los Angeles. He remained with this position until August 1941, when he once again enlisted, being assigned to the Medics and stationed here at L.G.H.

BE A BLOOD DONOR TODAY SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW

MEDICAL DETACH

We extend success wishes to Corporal Orlo E. Hawk who left for Officer Candidate School during the week and also to Private Milton D. Carlson who will leave for O.C.S. during the week.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Phillip A. Matthews appointed Sergeant; James T. Walter, Harry G. Thomas and Burchard G. Roehler appointed Corporals; and Guy E. Dean, Carroll M. Dykstra and George A. Mode appointed Privates First Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pvt. Frank Rawlins having a heavy date with a good neighbor brunette from South America. Rawlins must like sugar with his coffee.

Sgt. Alvin Segar recounting some amusing experiences in France during the last war, particularly when he was trying to speak broken English to a French poilu who speaks perfect English.

Cream of Tomato Soup Roast Turkey

Giblet Gravy

Whipped Potato

Celery Hearts

S/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., being ribbed about walking to Fifth and Market—no street car fare—and later lending his tormenters carfare home.

1st Sgt. Calvin D. Williams telling how he acquired his gray hair—while serving on the Isle of Wahoo, and Sgt. John W. Evans claiming that gray hair is typical of all Missourians.

Sgts. Merle C. "Windy" West, Edward Blythin and Alexander Kuzmoski visiting the City of Paris Department Store. Sgt. West was looking for something to play Santa with, and Sgts. Blythin and Kuzmoski looking for someone to play Santa to.

Former Sgt. Eugene W. Walton visiting Letterman as 2nd Lieut. Walton, Infantry.

The S/Sgt. Earle Libby, Sgts. Al Kuzmoski and Merle C. West "feudin" about who received the best apples from home recently. And all three are from Washington.

Serve in Silence



MENU FOR CHRISTMAS—1942

Roast Turkey

Giblet Gravy

Whipped Potatoes

Celery Hearts

Bread

Ice Creem

Mince Pie

Fruits

toes String Beans
Its Stuffed Olives
Butter
Fruit Cake
e Pie Pumpkin Pie
uits Mixed Nuts
Candies Cigarettes
Cigars

Toasted Crackers

Oyster Dressing

Cranberry Sauce

The following is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Cider

"War Department Washington, November 27, 1942.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ARMY

In order to furnish maximum protection for members of the Army and their dependents, the Congress provided National Service Life Insurance. It is to the personal advantage of every officer and man to have this protection. The cost is small, and with present pay rates every soldier should be able to carry the maximum amount authorized.

Men are not taking maximum advantage of the benefits Congress has provided, largely because they are not properly informed as to its value, and are not sufficiently impressed with the need.

It is my desire that commanding officers of all grades stress the value of National Service Life Insurance to the individual soldier through educational methods and by personal interview.

> HENRY L. STIMSON Secretary of War."

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

An auxiliary graduation was held last Thursday for the Medical Students on duty at the school from LGH. Preceeding this by a few days was the commencement of the Surgical School. After eight weeks of training the boys received their diplomas and the best wishes of the detachment.

T/5 Bruce E. Sloan left the post Tuesday on an emergency furlough to Los Angeles because of sickness in his immediate family. We regrethat he left under such circumstances, but hope he has a chance to see the bright lights of our "Southern City" while there.

WHO SAYS IT DEPT???

A certain Staff—namely Jasor Hervin — who nonchalantly says "One man missing" during the Re treat Formation.

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE

Cpl. Henry O. Pezzella gorgini himself with food, both G. I. and the good kind.

Sgt. John Shea, T/4 Donald E Stone, T/5 Bruce Long and Cpl. Ed win Lanceit returning from the "Club" several nights a week. Of for the life of a bachelor.

T/5 George Choate and Bruce Sloan, the school mail orderlies try ing madly to keep up with the in coming and outgoing Christmas mail

LETTERMAN VETERANS

(Continued from page four)
General Hospital has been his only
station for the entire period of his
service. For the past 12 years he has
been on duty in the Medical Sup
ply Office, and for the past two
years he has been the non-com
missioned officer in charge of tha

A plan to have the four veterant become a quartette to sing Christmas carols was abandoned wher Jay Connell complained of a frog in his throat, Frank O'Brien had too many barrack bags to hurdle, Jim Strickland said he had too much glue on his tongue from licking stamps, and Ted Schmierer bluntly admitted he can not sing.

FOR MEN ONLY

Bob Hope currently tells about a waitress in a Hollywood restaurant who got fired the other day because the boss smelled coffee on her breath.

. And with all the talk of a 10-million man army, Bing Crosby relates a conversation between two draft board doctors discussing a draftee. "You know the fellow I mean," said the first sawbones. "The skinny little guy." The other doc looked blank. "Oh come now," said the doc. "You must know him. The fellow with no teeth." Still no sign of recognition. "Remember? One leg was shorter than the other?" The second doctor looked up. "Oh that one. Yes, indeed. He'll make a fine soldier."

Joe Laurie, Jr., of "Can You Top This?" likes to tease his wife, a former chorus girl, about the way he met her. Says he: "I just opened my wallet and there she was.'

Walter O'Keefe, emcee of "Battle of the Sexes," is telling about his recent visit to Washington. Wally claims he saw a group of soldiers trailing a figure in a long black gown, until they discovered it was a Supreme Court Justice.

The irrepressible Archie of "Duffy's" recently greeted guest Clifton Fadiman, of "Information Please." with: "Hello Mr. Fadiman. What do you know-besides everything?"

Fibber McGee says that Pierre Laval was due to get a medal for his axis-stooging, but he's so ugly they couldn't find a French general to kiss him.

And Rudy Vallee says Joan Davis talks so much he's hoarse listening to her.

Bud Abbott says the boys in Alaska report that the Eskimos eat whale meat and blubber. "If you ate whale meat," says Costello, "you'd blubber

'No Draft Bait '

Camp Atterbury, Ind.-Sgt. Donald Ike was home on furlough when the stork visited his domicile. He wired his buddies back at the Post: "NO DRAFT BAIT STOP NINE POUND BABY GIRL."

Serve in Silence

FIGHTING FIREMAN FAILS TO FINISH FLAMES FIRED BY FANATIC JAPS



HOWARD E. KING

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, Q.M. Corps, who is the "oldest inhabitant" among the patients at Letterman. He was wounded in the Jap attack on Hickam Field on December 7th and arrived at Letterman on New Year's Eve of 1941. The Nurse smoothing his pillow is Lieut. Elizabeth Foster, A.N.C. nurse in charge of the ward.

To one man in this hospital December 7, 1942, meant just one thing one year, flat on his back in a hospital bed as a result of the Japanese attack on the Hawaiian Islands. This man is Pfc. Howard E. King, of the Quartermaster Corps, a patient in this hospital since December 31 of last year. To Pfc. King it has been just one continuous cycle of "operate - convalesce - operate - convalesce" until he says he wonders if they will ever let him out. However, patience is much in evidence in King's makeup and the same smile and good cheer comes from him today as it did a year ago.

King is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was born there September 17, 1917, and lived there until the day of his enlistment into the Army. Upon graduation from high school he went to work for the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation. He remained with this company about three years, when his boyhood ambition to travel and also be a soldier enticed him to enlist in the Quartermaster Corps. For the next

tion, Howard was stationed at Fort Slocum, New York, then Miller Field, New York, and the Brooklyn Army Base. It was from this latter post that he was sent overseas, reporting to Hickam Field, Hawaii, in the last days of August, 1940.

He was assigned to the Fire Department, which for awhile was a pretty cool job compared with his former experience of working in heat ranging from 800 to 1500 degrees when he was a helper on the open hearths at the steel mill. However, December 7th proved to be plenty hot, in more ways than one.

Pfc. King was resting on his bunk when pandemonium broke loose on the field, but within fifteen minutes his fire fighting squad was on its way to the Hickam Field Hangars, which were ablaze. Hardly had they arrived when an enemy plane ripped into them with machine gun fire and sent them scurrying for cover. Howard dived for the nearest protection but not quite soon enough, for he was struck by shrapnel in his back and left leg. His wounds were his three months following his induc-ticket of admission to the hospital, first year on December 7, 1942.

OUR CAMERAMEN



JOHN C. SHERWOOD T/5th Gr., Signal Corps

This week we expose for the admiration of our readers the genial countenance of John C. Sherwood who is one of our faithful photographers on the staff of the 9th S. C. Photo Laboratory at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Sherwood was born in Salt Lake City and migrated west to Oakland where his induction into the military service took place. In civil life he was the official photographer for Oakland Junior Chamber of Commerce and the California Speed Boat Association. His C of C experience taught him how to get a good picture and John never misses.

He has been with the Photo Lab since his induction and the good example of his associates in that activity may be why he is to become a benedick on January 31st. "Married men are dependable," says John, but the bachelors come back with: "They have no choice." The innocent bystanders are silent.

Lieutenants' Age Limit For Field Duty Now 36

Washington-The War Department has announced that both first and second lieutenants who have not passed their 36th birthdays will now be eligible for duty with troop units of the field forces.

The new maximum age limit does not apply to lieutenants who are on duty with the Medical Corps, the Chaplains Corps, ground units of the Army Air Forces, or other units currently excepted from the age-ingrade restrictions.

and it has now been validated for a second year. Howard completed his

13 May Be a Jinx To Some But Just Another Number to Lt. Ann B. Bakalar

Whether prompted by a desire to defy superstition or with the idea in mind of being a helpful young lady, 2nd Lieut. Ann B. Bakalar of the Army Nurse Corps on Sunday, December 13, made her 13th trip this year down the aisle of the Chapel of Letterman Hospital in the role of bridesmaid. Miss Bakalar on this occasion was the attendant for



ANN B. BAKALAR 2nd Lieut., A. N. C.

Miss Eleanor J. Testa, who came out from Glassboro, New Jersey, to become the bride of Corporal Alonzo J. Lanzalotti, formerly of Philadelphia.

Those 13 trips do not mean that Miss Bakalar has a yearning for the duties of a bridesmaid, it is just that she is a dependable standby when brides-elect arrive from out of town to be married in a strange city where they have no acquaintances or friends.

Miss Bakalar does not believe in the old adage "three times a bridesmaid never a bride." She has good reason to believe that it is not true in her case. As for walking under ladders and fondling black cats she has nothing to say.

Soldiers Give Blood To Red Cross

Ft. Hancock, N. J. - A pint of blood was donated by each member of an Artillery unit here recently when doctors of the American Red Cross brought a mobile blood donor unit to the Post. The blood was given in tribute to a former member of the unit, the late Pvt. Michael B. Hartery of New York City.

BOND CAMPAIGN

The following named employees authorized the saving of part of their salary through the purchase of War Bonds during the past week, in the drive to achieve enrollment of at least ninety per cent of the employees in the War Bond Campaign by means of regular payroll deductions.

Alice J. Burling Frederick F. Darlington Alice R. Taber William M. Harwell Ralph E. Noel Ruth E. Richards Sarah Ward

Ethel A. Corley Alice H. Thompson Frances A. Ayoob Mary E. Polkinghorne Carole G. Lynch Myrtle C. Ogletree

Forty Top Bands Plan Christmas **Broadcast for Army**

American fighting men and the homes from which they came will be brought close together Christmas Day in an unusual series of broadcasts from camps and stations all over the nation, starting at 9:00 a. m. and running until 9:00 p. m., Pacific War Time, under the sponsorship of The Coca-Cola Company.

Forty of the top bands of the country will play from Army camps and from Navy, Marine and Coast Guard stations in every port of the United States.

Bands will be on the air 15 minutes, coast to coast, over 142 stations of the Blue Network. Then each band will give a three hour show station. Not only will the program War Time.

Der 'Tag' for a Jap

Guadalcanal-A United States Marine shot a Jap and then went through his pockets. He found a "dog" tag which bore the name of his brother, also a Marine who had been at Wake Island.

bring the best popular music, and music appropriate to Christmas, to the armed forces, but through the broadcasts will bring to the homes from which our fighters came dramatic vistas of holiday feasting and holiday ceremonies arranged for the

The program will start at 9:00 a.m., Pacific War Time; will run until 2:30, with 22 bands appearing; will continue from 3:15 to 3:45 p. m.; from 4:00 to 4:30 p. m.; from 5:30 to 6:00 p. m.; from 6:30 to 7:00 p. m.; for the fighting men of the camp or and from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m., Pacific

OUR LOCAL FEUD

The Information Office offers following limerick, with pictures tached. Of course we can't say for whom or to whom it refers, but the maybe it isn't necessary.

"There was a young fellow nam

Whose upper lip started to feste It looked terrible bare so he spro ed some hair

And it made him a camouflaged j



LATE FLASH

Sgt. Lester answers the Quiz Kid in the Info Office with the following "There once was a genius, male, Who helped with the sorting of kale He said 'Silence is rare, but not s my hair-

I've seen others try mustachios and

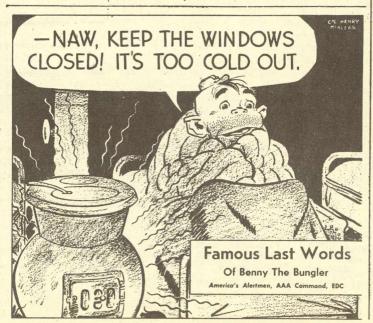
Fencing Exhibition On YMCA Program For Christmas Eve

An unusual fencing exhibition is being arranged as part of the Christmas Eve program at the Presidio YMCA beginning at eight o'clock in the evening.

Private First Class William G. O'Brien will cross sabers with Ser geant Salyer Reed. Both men an members of the Medical Detachment of Letterman Hospital. Helene Mayer, woman's World Champion fencer and member of the Olympic Team, is expected to participate in the exhi-

Private O'Brien, former student instructor at the San Francisco State Teacher's College, has been fencing since 1932 and received instruction under national and international masters of the sword.

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Tin Can Collection Good for Victory But Hard on Goats

San Francisco goats faced the prospect of being placed on a ration basis along with their two footed fellow citizens as a result of the success of the latest scrap tin collection made over the past week end.

Mrs. Prentis Cobb Hale, in addition to taking what amounts to a personal interest in every service man in the community, functions as the chairman of the Can Section of the Salvage for Victory Committee. It was her announcement that acquainted the public with the figures on the recent drive—400 tons of tin tans.

Press reports state that thirty-one is freight cars were needed to transport the scrap tin to the de-tinning plants in South San Francisco where is the metal will be processed for use in vital war industries. It is estimated the collected tin would yield a about 8000 pounds of pure tin and 7 182,000 pounds of steel.

The response on the part of the c dizens of San Francisco is very e accuraging, according to Mrs. Hale, a s the nation is depending on Califolmia and the warmer states for their tin salvage supply during the winter months. Cold weather in the existen states has hampered tin collections so the steel plants have acked to turn to the west for their suspply.

In the days of '49 San Francisco
was the habitat of goats in all parts
fof the town, but with the passage of
irime the goats have dwindled in
number and only occasionally does
note see a goat in the outskirts of the
present city.

It may be that ersatz or plastics may taste as well to a goat and the amimals will not go hungry.

Always keep in mind that it is good business to buy a War Bond.



'This Man's Army' No Longer Proper Figure of Speech

Another new women's battalion has gone into uniform for the Army, according to a late dispatch from Washington.

Every pleasant Army librarian and accommodating hostess serving in Army camps of the nine service commands now takes orders in uni-

A month ago the War Department announced that these civil service employes would outfit themselves. The Quartermaster Corps designed a natty blue "to be worn at all times when on duty and when out of the house or quarters, and at home when dining with more than two guests present."

They had to wait while the uniforms were manufactured and spent the time saving enough to buy them. Now, dressed in light blue jackets and skirts, hostesses and librarians stand out from the other uniformed women with the traditional olive drab.

The new uniform is of Palm Beach cloth, with a distinctive insignia worn on the left sleeve and chapeau. It has a gored skirt and slightly fitted jacket and a long overcoat made from fleece-faced overcoating.

The insignia is fan-shaped and composed of nine different colors radiating from an open center. Each color represents a different Army branch and signifies that the wearer works for all branches,

It is the first regulation dress ever worn by civilian employees of the Army at Army decree.



REGULATIONS CALL FOR IT SUPPLY

When a man could enlist in the Army, before the recent Presidential decree which now limits entry by induction only, he reported to his Detachment Commander for the usual welcome and then was politely escorted to the Detachment Supply for a complete outfitting of G. I. clothing-head to toe, inside and out. Now that he receives his initial clothing allowance from his induction center, he still meets the Detachment Commander at Letterman. Captain Lemuel R. Williams, who is also Supply Officer in Charge of Detachment Supply, and will at some time or other cross the threshold of the Detachment Supply for some article of clothing-whether it be his laundry, a resole job on his shoes, a field jacket cleaned, or what not. Many are the services rendered the collisted personnel by the Detachment Supply in maintaining the standard Army dress as ordered by the War Department.

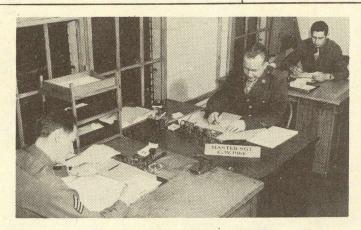
For example, the blue fatigue clothing recently worn was reclassified as "X" or obsolete and replaced by the new gray herringboned fatigue. On further research into the originality of the order it developed that the office of the Adjutant General was responsible, but ultimately fell to the Detachment Supply for execution on this post. As Mr. Irwin Glick, Assistant Supply Officer, smilingly puts it, "we do all the work and get none of the credit - just complaints because the men have to wait in another line."

Private John Doe needs new shoes. At least, so thinks Pvt. Doe. Consequently, he takes his shoes to the Detachment Supply for salvage. If the salvage officer decides they should be replaced, Pvt. Doe will be notified to report for a fitting for new shoes; if the salvage officer decides that they can be repaired they will be sent out for repair and Pvt. Doe will discover that he has had his mind changed about the new shoes. All clothing for salvage or replacement is handled in the same

In furnishing clothing and equipment to the enlisted personnel of the Detachment the article is merely charged against the man at the Detachment Supply and requisitioned from the Quartermaster where the man is sent for fitting. Without exception each article of clothing or equipment is given the man for his personal use as a member of the forters, etc., are sent to an outside listment for Pike took place at Port-



SEEN AT WORK in the clothing room of the Detachment Supply are, left to right, foreground: Privates Seth Kalashian and John P. DeMartini checking laundry lists and M/Sgt. Charles W. Pike and Sergeants Russell F. Cox and Archie D. Fineout inspecting clothing.



DETACHMENT SUPPLY OFFICE From left to right: Sgt. Archie D. Fineout, M/Sgt. Charles W. Pike, NCO in charge, and Sgt. Russell Cox.

Army. If he transfers, his clothing | firm for handling. card goes with him. And at the time of his discharge each item is carefully checked back into the Armywith the exception of a complete uniform given the man-or is charged against the man and deducted from his pay if lost.

In addition to providing the clothing for the men of the Detachment, the Detachment Supply also assures the soldierly appearance of the men by facilitating the washing and cleaning of all clothing and equipment. Each Monday morning all laundry is left at the Detachment Supply and it is then sent to the Post laundry and returned Friday afternoon. The charge is minimum and is a fixed monthly rate for the men. Dry cleaning of field jackets, com-

Are you in line for a good conduct ribbon? Sign for it and pick it up at the Detachment Supply. If there is something new for issue, join the line in the front of the Detachment Supply and be fitted in your own particular size.

Non-Commissioned officers in charge of the Detachment Supply are Master Sergeant Charles W. Pike, who has taken over the guide lines while Technical Sergeant Horace C. Ferguson recuperates for a long illness.

Sergeant Pike is a native of Jay, Maine. He was born in Jay on January 26, 1914, and lived there eighteen years, graduating from the local high school, before joining the Army on November 15, 1932. The initial en-

land, Maine, and was for Foreign Service in the Medical Corps, which he served in the Hawaiian Islands. Fitzsimons General Hospital was his next post and he served there until

A short span of civilian life was Pike's next step, but it was terminated early in 1940 when he re-enlisted at Fitzsimons early in 1940. In April of 1941 he transferred to Barnes General Hospital and later-October 5, 1942—completed transfer orders to Letterman.

Sergeant Pike is a married man and the Pikes have two young sons.

Sergeant Horace C. Ferguson was born November 6, 1889, in Neosho and lived his entire first 19 years in that farming center. He states that he has always wanted to go back again, but since enlisting in the Army at Wichita, Kansas, in 1919, he has never quite been able to make it back "home."

At the termination of the last World War, Sgt. Ferguson began his Army career when he enlisted for duty over-seas. He reached France June 1, 1919, and remained there until September, 1919, when he was transferred to Germany as a part of the Army of Occupation. And there he remained as a member of the Guard Unit until December, 1921 when he was sent to Camp Lee Maryland, for discharge.

After his discharge at Camp Lee Ferguson again donned civies and decided to settle down. He did!traveling all over the southwest while working in the oil fields. His employment in the oil fields took



HORACE C. FERGUSON Technical Sergeant, Med. Dept.

him chiefly as a drill dresser o member of a casing crew and laste until 1926. At this time a desire fo more foreign duty became stron

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MEET THE BUTCHERS -- THEY HAVE MEAT FOR YOU

"A butcher, a baker, a candle-stick maker"-and while quoting this old nursery rhyme we find that the emphasis falls on the butcher in these days of "meat! but hard to get."

Often said to be the busiest spot on the post, the Letterman butcher shop posts the notice "first comefirst serve" and then weighs up a generous slice of "diplomacy" with each order of meat which goes over the counter in an effort to serve everyone who wishes to buy only to discover that "no ham today, soldier, but how about taking a nice pot roast home to the wife?"

After ringing up the last sale for the day and getting ready to lock up early because there just wasn't anything but the meat block left, one of the sergeants on duty in the butcher shop was heard to remark to the other sergeant, "Man, if I could only fix those scales some way -maybe I could satisfy them allthough I doubt it."

The other sergeant who had just said he was glad for the rush in business because there wasn't so much to clean up afterwards growled, "I'm going over to the machine shop now and see if I can't be fitted with lead thumb weights to take care of that item."

"Did you hear Mrs. Colonel Blank who insisted on twelve filets, and I only had nine. Why, it's been a month of Sundays since we've even had nine on hand. And then the job of trying to convince her that the twelve chops we had left were the very best cuts in the store, while Mrs. Captain Whositz, next in line, was practically praying the colonel's wife wouldn't take them."

"Yes," the other sergeant replied, "and then you ducked out when you had sold them and left me the job of selling the captain's wife hamburger in place of those chops.

"If I had my way we would just take the proverbial 'bull by the horns' and run him-tail and allthrough a meat grinder and then put it up in one pound lots for late comers.

"Well, you've got to admit that it is easier satisfying the officers' wives now that the post civilian personnel is not allowed to purchase until 1:30 p. m. For awhile I was able to guess just about what all families on the post were going to have for dinner to match the meat they were getting. There is a better choice now."



SERVICE WITH A SMILE

ing to the cash customers is Sgt. Caeser J. Michelotti, in charge of the shop, while Sgt.

At the Post Exchange Butcher Shop. Attend- Herman J. Gai concentrates on what Mrs. Allison would like in the way of meat.

better and more generous than they were," the first Sergeant added. "For awhile cold meats were sliced so thin the cold ham was transparent. I doubt if you could even taste one slice in a sandwich."

"You know, the enlisted men's wives have the system when they shop. First of all, they are practically here to greet us in the mornings for the best cuts and then a shortage in one meat doesn't stump them. I believe they must have a week's supply of menus in their purses."

"Well," the other sergeant added, "the shortage doesn't stump them, either. If it boils down to 'weiners' as the last choice weiners and sauerkraut it will be for friend husband for dinner. I can practically smell it cooking before she leaves with the

"Speaking of diplomacy," the first sergeant said, completing the count "And another thing, the cuts are in the cash register, "Maybe we

could take a few lessons from the Stabilization women."

"Is it diplomacy they practice on us or is it a 'Woman's wiles' I've heard so much about? They still seem to get pretty much what they want-even when the 'meat isn't'," the other one added.

And practically in chorus, "Business certainly is good!" The door slammed shut on another "day at the meat market."

P.S. They were only fooling about the lead thumb weights.

'Private Property Hands Off-Millie

Ft. Warren, Wyo .- Maybe Millie ought to know that her soldier boy friend has lost the identification bracelet she gave him. The bracelet found on a motor maintenance shop floor, carried an inscription which read, "Hands off, this guy belongs to me-Millie."

Serve in Silence

Of Wages

The War Labor Board delegated to War Secretary Stimson the power to rule upon all wage and salary adjustments of the more than one million civilian employees in the U. S. and Alaska employed by the War Department, the Army Exchange Services and Government-owned, privately-operated facilities of the Department. The Board issued a list of 29 industries employing 8 million workers in which its regional directors will be authorized to act on requests for wage increases to correct maladjustments by applying the little steel formula without board review.

Buy War Bonds to the point of sacrifice so that you may enjoy the plenty of a victorious peace.

Every \$3 you save now in War Bonds will give you \$4 to spend

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR

When the tick of the clock announces the advent of 1943 it will mean the beginning of what many of us will call "Our Year."

For the past three years there has been very little that could be called "happy" for the people who think as we do. And a search of those years rolled in the prospect for happiness was dim.

Even at the risk of being over-confident the outlook for a turn of the tide in our favor is pleasant to behold. Things are at last beginning to move in the right direction for us; moving at a speed that should be accelerated with each passing day.

The end of the long struggle is not yet in sight but we have a feeling that it may be just around the bend in the road.

For the new year let this be our resolve: That our work for our country be accomplished with a sense of personal responsibility; that we, as individuals, do more and more with every passing hour to speed the end of the conflict which now holds the world in thrall.

Make 1943 OUR YEAR.

Serve in Silence

Laff of the Week-

Kessler Field, Miss. — Pvt. Arthur Hazen of Weyauwega, Wis., recently enlisted in the Army Air Forces and was sent to this Field, where he passed the rigid physical examination for aerial gunnery training. A few days later he received a card from his draft board back home advising him he had been placed in Class 4-F!



A working clay pipe in the mouth of Mr. Stanley—the No. 1 Janitor and every one else taking a look too.

The daily cribbage game between the Adjutant, the assistant to the Detachment C. O., and the assistant to the Post Engineer. The middle man pays in this game.

Mrs. Jean Ruley, the hard working Director of Recreation for the Red Cross, being swamped with duties these days and still smiling.

Captain Orville B. Nelson is receiving congratulations on his promotion to that grade. The news came from Washington this week.

An unusual sight—the boss barber having his hair cut just like any other customer. Wonder if Gus paid or just signed the chit.

Miss Jane Dunn, former student social service worker for the Red Cross, dropping in to exchange the greetings of the season with the many friends she made here during the summer months.

Some of the younger nurses practicing saluting and returning of same.

Memo to Employes Who Will Not Buy War Bonds & Stamps

Lieut. James G. Whitaker, a survivor of the Rickenbacker plane, when interviewed by a press represenative early this week said he was shocked on returning to America to find everyone talking about giving ten per cent of their earnings to the war effort.

"Out there in the Pacific the boys are giving 100 per cent of themselves to win. Out there every thing is expendable. Everything must be used for winning the war. If we are missing one gun, we may have to spend 100 men to make up for it. There's no 10 per cent in battle."

We wonder how this makes the less-than-10-per-cent group feel at home.



The following excerpt from Change No. 1, AR 40-20, Dec. 11, 1942, is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"b. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES: The following rights and privileges are prescribed for the Army Nurse Corps by the Secretary of War in accordance with the act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 768):

(6) They are entitled to the same privileges with reference to salutes as are customarily enjoyed by and prescribed for commissioned officers of grades corresponding to their relative rank."

Los Angeles On the Job To Care For All Service Men

Service men on leave in Southern California over the holidays will find friendly, helpful service, and an engaging series of "Getting Acquainted" sight-seeing tours, at the Official Visitors' Bureau of the All-Year Club, community travel organization.

The Bureau is located at 505 West Sixth Street, three doors off Pershing Square in downtown Los Angeles. All services are absolutely free. This is an expression of the community's desire to help Service Men enjoy themselves as much as possible during their free time.

So popular have the sight-seeing tours become reprintings are being made and new itineraries are being added. The handy printed instructions lead the way, via public transportation, to Hollywood, Chinatowns, Mexican quarters, ocean fishing, sailing, motorboating, museums, and other attractions that in peace-times are popular with the area's millions of tourist visitors.

The Bureau also provides: Illustrated Souvenir Map to mail home. Tickets to radio broadcasts in the big Hollywood network studios. Guest cards to interesting industries such as orange packing plants and wineries. Information regarding accommodations and meals, and help on all problems affecting a traveler.

Keep the cost of living down by keeping your War Bond purchases up.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR January 1, 1943

Catholic services:

Mass in Post Chapel at 6:00 and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services:

Chaplain MacNeil will conduct a special service in the Post Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 a. m. in co-operation with the recommendation of the President to make New Year's Day a Day of Prayer.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, January 3, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

'When Gossip Talks'

IS talk cheap, if it comes from a gossip? No, it isn't. Talk that comes from a gossip is expensive to reputations and to the War Effort. It kills time, decency, morality and in war time it helps the enemy to destroy our nation.

An individual reputation that has been built up by a lifetime of correct living may be blasted in a day by the talk of a gossip.

The milk of human kindness is curdled when it comes in contact with the tongue of the gossip.

The gossip sees but little that is good and much that is bad in human nature and in well directed actions of others.

Gossips will talk, and people will listen, and believe, and condemn. It is expense in our efforts as individuals and collectively as a nation. It is demoralizing and degrading. Lasting success is attained by honest endeavor nurtured with facts.

-C. A. Walker

A Gentle Reminder

The Office of War Information sends out a release to the American public of the importance in their daily lives of the following dates:

January 1—date on which employers start withholding 5 per cent victory tax on amount of employe salaries in excess of \$624 a year.

January 3—last day for use of ration stamp No. 27 in buying coffee.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pyt. ANGELO LAWRENCE LEONE

Out of the Mission District of San Francisco, California, came Private Angelo Lawrence Leone to enlist in the Army on November 10, of this year. The Mission District is mentioned only because it is comparable to Brooklyn, New York, as Leone puts it, "at odds" with the rest of the city.

Born September 6, 1921, in the "City by the Golden Gate," Al attended St. Ignatius High School, completing a college preparatory course. A very active member of the debating team, he also found time to participate in the school R.O.T.C., attaining the rank of Captain. Upon his graduation in June of 1939, he enrolled in the "big brother school," the University of San Francisco, once known as St. Ignatius College.

During his school days, Private Leone financed his expenses by working in a macaroni factory, "making the spaghet" quoting our Italian Private, and later as a junior accountant for the Pacific Greyhound Lines. It was because of his university studies in accounting that he was able to handle this job. He also was a member of the R.O.T.C. reaching the rank of Sergeant, the highest obtainable for the freshman and sophomore classes. Al claims he is well acquainted with the use and firing of all the small artillery and anti-aircraft guns.

Upon his enlistment, he was first sent to Monterey, California, and then transferred to Letterman Hospital. He is now assigned to the office of the Detachment of Patients.

Private Leone is very seriously contemplating marriage, and states that he hopes the wedding will be in the latter part of January of next

You will have your chance to buy

GREMLINS GRIPED AT GROWING GROUPS OF GREEDY GROUCHES

The highly publicized Gremlins of There was only one explanationthe R.A.F., due to laxity in quaran- the Gremlins were afield again. tine regulations, oppeared to be coming all the way to Letterman Hospital, and for a time were raising their usual havoc here. Lately, however, after intense study on the part of the best brains of our institution, means have been found to circumvent their pernicious activity and the Gremlins are really griped at such a state of affairs.

Hitherto they have been accepted as a necessary nuisance and allowed to go their several ways creating disturbances, throwing up obstacles and making general nuisances of themselves.

The first recorded instance of the presence of the Gremlins at Letterman occurred when an attempt was made to take a photograph of Private Howard King on the first anniversary of his stay in a hospital bed. King was wounded at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and our reporter thought he had a story in

The cameraman was called, King was posed, the shutter was snapped, but the dark room disclosed nothing but a blank space. The cameraman was puzzled and tried again, making several exposures with no better success. A third time the cameraman came, still very much perplexed as to why he could not get a picture of King, and on this occasion while the nurse was arranging King's pillow just before the picture was to be snapped, accidentally the photographer clicked the shutter and it exposure was successful while all others remained blank.

Research disclosed the fact that this particular Gremlin, the "Snoozle-Fusser," possesses an oversized hand and it was his practice to place this hand before the camera lens just before the shutter was snapped. The antidote for the Snoozle-Fusser proved to be a pretty nurse standing beside the patient who distracted the Gremlin and the photo was made.

Another instance of the activity of the Gremlin was the mystery of the Chapel lights. On three different occasions at 1:30 in the morning the guard discovered the Chapel lights aglow. He promptly made a report and subsequently it was put to the Chaplain to explain why the Chapel luxury goods when the war is over. lights were burning at such an hour.

Once more the master minds went to work. The coincidence of the 1:30 a. m. report on each occasion was taken into consideration. The next step was to get the energetic commander of the night watch, Sgt. Cummings, to patrol. The Sgt. smokes a pipe, and it is the kind of pipe that should only be smoked in the small hours of the night. Putting two and two together the master minds put Sgt. Cummings and his pipe in the vicinity of the chapel each morning at 1:30 and no lights have been turned on. Sgt. says he has felt the presence of the Gremlin, and evidently the Gremlin sensed the presence of his pipe-result is all quiet in the night.

It is not to be expected that the Gremlins will take over these counter measures very calmly and we look for them to break out in other parts in the near future, however, the master minds, knowing a little more about Gremlins, feel that they will be able to devise some defense to keep the Gremlins grumbling.

On the other hand the Gremlins feel that the Greedy Grouchers who go about taking fun out of their lives might at least desist during the holiday season.

The drive to achieve enrollment of at least ninety per cent of the civilian employes in the War Bond Campaign progressed favorably last week was later disclosed that that one with the following named employes authorizing the saving of part of their salary through the purchase of War Bonds.

June M. Gray Lois N. Landsdale Alice M. O'Neill Adeline Rodrigues Hermione A. Bird Ella M. Morgensen Rosa Anderson Cleora M. Romani Catherine E. Cleveland Mary Jo Coz Walter G. De Long Thomas Hare Ruth H. McCleary Agnes P. Ripley Lillian J. Romero Mabel F. Malough Violet J. Peterson Mary Gallus

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. LAWRENCE M. TERESI

They say to be a good M. P. one must weight 185 pounds or more. If that is the case, Private Lawrence M. Teresi must be tops, for he tips the scales well over the two hundred pound mark.

Private Teresi, now a patient on Ward N-1, was born twenty-two years ago in the Windy City, Chicago, Illinois. It was there he received his education, attending Englewood High School, majoring in Mechanical Drawing. Upon his graduation Larry went to work for Armour Packing Company, reaching the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Canning Department, before his enlistment, February 5,

He was assigned to the Field Artillery and sent first to Camp Grant, Illinois; then to Camp Forrest, Tennessee; and next to Fort Dix, New Jersey. It was from this latter post that, his outfit was transferred to overseas duty, January 5, 1942. After spending a short time in Australia, they were stationed on the island of New Caledonia. Private Teresi was assigned to the M. P. Company, on which job he came in contact with many strange incidents, mainly a small revolution between the Vichy and Free French. This minor battle was a result of the alleged kidnapping of the French Governor of the Island by one of the belligerents.

This was soon put to and end when the Commanding Officer declared martial law.

It was in October that physical disability forced Larry to be hospitalized, and ultimately sent to Letterman for treatment.

Serve in Silence

Caroline M. Canziani Evelyn B. Hicks Adalien Larson Carol M. Scott Lena Gerson

Welcome is extended D. Farling, Simon Mudey and Walter G. Greenberg, who joined this station during the week.

Best wishes to T/4th Grade Alfred D. Niemeyer and T/5th Grade William F. DeMello, who left this station.

Congratulations are in order for Lowell D. Jenkins, appointed Staff Sergeant; George E. Morey, appointed Sergeant; William A. Young, appointed Technician Fourth Grade; Ernest R. Williams, appointed Technician Fifth Grade; and Joseph F. Desimone, Thomas G. Paganini and Peder E. Saunes, appointed Privates First Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

That since gas rationing took effect there are fewer golf games, fewer parties, fewer outings-in fact more men staying on the post. Is more work being accomplished because of

Sgt. George W. Norvelle, 7/4th Grade Ernest R. Williams and T/5th Grade Alex Schesinger all taking the fatal marriage step recently.

That generally everyone had a Merry Christmas and hope for a Happy New Year.

Sgt. George W. Norvelle over-estimating the gas mileage of his car and walking home the "last few" miles the other night.

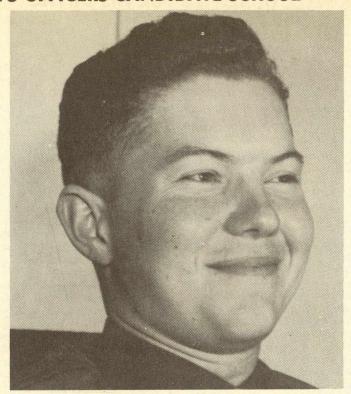
Cpl. Ralph M. Mason at work again and doing pretty well in the earring business-along with the Lyon Hill "trap-line," plus the Mason-West combine. He is now Mr. "gotrocks" Mason.

The roller-skating quartet-S/Sgt. Leonard (Herman) Bell, T/5th Grade Oren Fuller and Pvt. Howard Dover and Hamlin Juedes cutting exhibition corners and capers at an Oakland roller-skating rink.

Answer the question, "How Can I Help to Win the War?" by buying more War Bonds.

Serve in Silence

ANOTHER FOGHORN STAFF MEMBER OFF TO OFFICERS CANDIDATE SCHOOL



Sgt. GEORGE E. MOREY Reporter for the "Foghorn" who left this week to attend Officers Candidate School at Edgewood Arsenal where he will be appointed a second lieutenant in Chemical Warfare Service on completion of the course.

When Sgt. George E. Morey was l interviewed as Buck of the Week in August, he ended up by saying that his principal ambition in the Army was to go to Officers' Candidate School. Now in December we are waving goodbye to the tall, curlyhaired and handsome speciman who is on his way to collecting a couple of gold shoulder bars in exchange for three months of arduous training at the Chemical Warfare School.

Sgt. Morey's business career before entering the Army was connected with several dental gold supply companies here in San Francisco, so we assume that it won't be too difficult for him to become accustomed to the gold bars that will adorn his blouse, but we hope it is clear to him that Chemical Warfare isn't the school where the gold is manufactured, but has to do with a kind of gas that isn't rationed.

However, we're almost sure he knows because we caught him out in the garden early the other morning bending down estatically smell-

lately in the Mess Hall all he asks is "Pass the mustard, please," so he must be sharpening his sense of smell (wait till he finds out it really smells like garlic!) for the gas of the same name. We have evidence that he doesn't eat it as he scorns anything but desserts. Here is one George who rightfully lives up to the rhyme on one Geo. Porge who ate only pudding and pie. Which brings us to another sweet subject -the long list of maidens on his calling list. Although the rhyme says "kissed the girls and made them cry," we doubt it in this case. What gal could resist such a handsome curly-head?

His pride in those symmetrical waves across the top of his head have caused bi-monthly controversies in the office-on his return from the barber we all inspect the haircut and then solemnly accuse him of not having had it touched on top. He indignantly denies telling the barber to "go light on top" and graphically describes the floor of the ing a geranium. It is reported that tonsorial parlor strewn with light

SPECIAL

Saturday night a few of us wer privileged to meet four of the brav sailors and a Chief Petty Office from the much lauded cruiser Sar Francisco. And to anyone who feel he is not quite doing his part by be ing in the Medics, instead of exert ing his strength on the line, should be interested to know that these sailors who have seen such terrible action could not speak highly enough of the Medical Department both in the Navy as well as the Army. Yes, it should give one a lift to know he will be needed and appreciated when his chance comes.

Another man "graduated from the Charge of Quarters office" this week when Cpl. Eugene H. Beals transferred as an instructor to the Surgical School. Gene should do a good job and has everyone's best wishes.

An order dated December 21 states that Pfc. Leo E. Schutz, Jr., has completed his course of instruction a the school and is transferred to the permanent school detachment. Welcome, Schutz, and good luck.

SIGHTS ABOUT TOWN

Cpl. Donald Farling back from his emergency furlough.

Cpl. Daniel J. Mahoney being quoted telephone rates to Cincinnati . . . lucky girl!

The Non-Coms and students sporting their Christmas gifts.

T/4th Grade Francis L. Rowlands having trouble holding on to his "spec."



brown curls. He even measures lock of the topknot with a ruler to prove he won't have to rush right out and buy a fiddle.

But now he is on his way to 0! ficers Candidate School-in Chemical Warfare-where the curly hair and handsome phiz will be under cover for three months behind a gas mask. Hey, Morey, where didja get those great, big eyes?

Keglers Challenged By the Big Five From Moore Drydock -And They Accept

Miss Margaret Whitley, Secretary to the Personnel Manager of the Moore Dry Dock Company, having read in the Fog Horn of the achievement of our Keglers, promptly submitted a challenge for our men to meet the "Big Five" representing her organization.

It happens that the Big Five are not men but women and the team is made up of the five women carrying the highest averages. They challenged the Letterman team to a handicap contest.

When the challenge was passed on to S/Sgt. Charles Wilcox he promptly accepted and the time and place is to be arranged.

STRONG HEART

Now what's to make a song of With half the world in tears. When sunsets flame with hate, not love

And nights are dark with fears?

Why, sing of courage high, lad, And hope that is not vain, And gallant men who die, lad That love may live again.

But where will all my world be When the ship comes into port? My brothers lie beneath the sea Or went down with the fort.

Hold fast! Quick come the lark, lad. And roses on the wall. God's dawn will break the dark, lad, His hand is over all.

TRANSPORTATION

The Public Roads Administration said its surveys show the average speed of passenger cars on rural highways since the institution of the 35-mile-an-hour speed limit has been reduced to 37 miles per hour and trucks to 36 miles per hour. Another survey showed that in 12 War plants in six states the majority of the employees travel to work by automobile. Office of Defense Transportation Director Eastman recommended that buses and streetcars space their stopping places in cities at distance from 600 to 1,200 feet. He said ally distance less than 500 feet would be wasteful of rubber, gasoline and equipment.

Serve in Silence

LETTERMAN POST EXCHANGE OFFICER IS WELL QUALIFIED FOR HIS DUTIES



Captain CLEO E. RUMSEY, A. U. S. Post Exchange Officer

Probably one of the best known of the so-called "quasi" governmental change officer was assigned to sufunctions in operation within the Army is the Post Exchange. Its origin is shrouded in the history of the early days of frontier fighting when it succeeded the old trading post operated by sutlers. As the Army expanded it became too much of a job for one individual to have supplies packed in for sale and the army decided to run its own trading post and designated it by the name which it bears to this day, namely the Post Exchange.

Its function is to supply to the men of the service little comforts and necessities not provided for as part of his compensation. It is a service rendered to the men at the lowest possible cost with whatever profits which might be derived being devoted to purchasing other incidentals by the way of the traditional company fund. Today in this period of expansion the army post exchange has assumed a proportion never dreamed of before. It is big business on a big scale. There is a separate branch of the War Department created solely for the purpose of supervising all activities of the post exchanges scattered throughout the forces are serving.

In the olden days the post expervise the activities, and if he had no previous experience he was supposed to acquire it in the shortest possible time. Today under the new setup only officers with years of training in merchandising are placed in charge of post exchanges-men who know what to buy, where to buy, and when to buy, so that it is no longer a hit or miss proposition. The post exchange officer is not detailed to that job unless he knows his business.

Here at Letterman Hospital, Captain Cleo E. Rumsey is the post exchange officer. He was born at Fall City, Nebraska, attended the University of Nebraska where he was graduated in 1925 and went into business for himself at Walthill in since that time. Nebraska, handling a line of hardware and furniture with undertaking on the side.

In 1933 Captain Rumsey moved out to California and joined the staff of the H. C. Capwell Company in Oakland where he remained until July of this year when he was called to active duty with the Army of the United States. To fit himself for this particular assignment Captain Rumworld wherever men of the armed sey was ordered to attend the Army Exchange School at Princeton Uni- pital.



Former Master Sergeant Kenneth L. Pieper is now 2nd Lieut. Pieper. He was sworn into the commissioned ranks last Monday and assigned to duty with the Supply Division.

Lieut. Pieper was born in Omaha, Nebraska, where he attended Omaha Technical High School. Upon graduation he was employed by the Johnson Wax Company where he worked . for nine years and rose to the position of District Supervisor.

Lieut. Pieper's first enlistment was from 1938 to 1941, from which he was discharged as Staff Sergeant. During this enlistment he served as Company Clerk of the Quartermaster Detachment and as purchasing and contracting clerk for the Quartermaster and Constructing Quartermaster at Fort Crook, Neb-

From 1941 until his enlistment at Letterman Hospital in March, 1942, Lieut. Pieper served in a civilian capacity as Chief Clerk to the Quartermaster at Fort Crook, Nebraska.

During his enlistment at Letterman Lieut. Pieper served as First Sergeant of the Q. M. Section, and as general clerk in the Office of the Director, Supply Division.

Lieut. Pieper is still a bachelor.

DETACHMENT SUPPLY

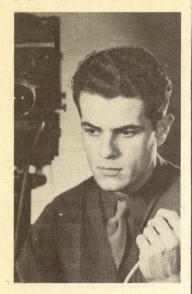
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and Sgt. Ferguson responded by enlisting for duty with the 15th Infantry at Fort McArthur and was sent to China. He remained in China until 1929 and then re-enlisted in the Medics this time and was assigned to Letterman Hospital for duty on July 19, 1929. He has remained here

Assisting in the dispatch of business at the Detachment Supply are Sergeants Archie D. Fineout and Russell F. Cox, and Privates Seth Kalashian and John P. DeMartini.

versity and on completion of that course reported to the Headquarters of the Ninth Service Command for duty as post exchange auditor. In October of this year he assumed his duties at Letterman General Hos-

OUR CAMERAMEN



CHARLES JANDT, JR. Pvt., Signal Corps

This week the faithful readers of our paper are treated to a close up photo of one of the recent additions to the staff at the 9th S. C. Photo lab at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Pvt. Charles Jandt, Jr., the newcomer, is a native of Beverly Hills
and a graduate of the high school of
his home town. He studied photography at the Frank Wiggins School in
Los Angeles and later worked for
Fanchon and Marco in Hollywood.
He was inducted into the service on
October 23rd and came to the lab
a few days later.

Jandt denies any romatic ties but we wonder why he has a large picture of a pretty young lady hanging on his bunk.

Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief has been organized by the Army to give speedy financial help and other assistance to all soldiers and their dependents who deserve help, whenever and wherever such help is needed. In proper cases money will be advanced in others medical care, or food, fuel and clothing will be furnished.

Patients or personnel of this command or their dependents who are in need may apply to the office of the Post Chaplain where full information will be available. There is a section of the Army Relief organization at this hospital and ready to render aid where the circumstances make it desirable.

1943 ● HAPPY NEW YEAR ● 1943 "A WISH AND A PRAYER FOR YOU"

When the Night no longer lies in Pain And the Sun no longer burns with Shame When the Stars no longer shine in Fright And pierced and stricken, drop from sight.

When the Day no longer greets the Dawn In Fear, of wond'ring, just how long When the Sky, once more parades its Blue And counts the Clouds, a very few.

When a kiss is not a Farewell Prayer Placed by one who left you there When love is not on Hurried Leave A brief Respite, a quick Reprieve.

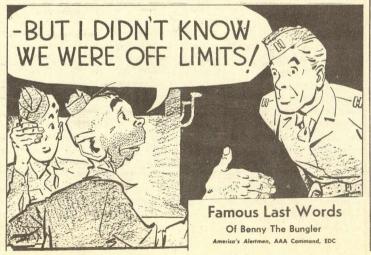
When a little child is not Unfed Its Mother lying cold and dead When a Father is not far from Home And Injustice is a word unknown.

When Planes no longer swarm the Sky To joust with Death, to fly and die When Ships no longer drown at Sea To take their Toll of You and Me.

When then, long last, the new Daybreak That mends and heals for all men's sake When all Mankind responds in Soul And Broken Soldiers are made Whole.

When Earth will breathe again and say "Behold, Oh Son," this Perfect Day A Generation passed away Their legacy, to You, This Day.

From the Men who left in '42
This is our Wish and Prayer for You.
THOMAS K. CROOKS



Benedicks!! Read And Become Better Men About Home

The following extract from a letter received by a recent bride with a word of advice to the man in the case might be of general interest to all who have already committed matrimony or who may be contemplating such a step:

"You might tell—————————for me to treat the female sex with a great deal of tact, and to measure his punches so that when he finds is necessary to land one, it will be a good square wallop! Also tell him that he has one or two courses to take: firstly, that well-known pouting course; secondly, that well-known indifference course; and thirdly, the old and tried system which, in my opinion, is the most successful—buy them off if need be!"



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Harold L. Bour, a daughter, Jacqueline Bour, born December 17, weight six pounds.

Pfc. and Mrs. William Tesconi, a son, James Tesconi, born December 17, weight six pounds.

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Marvin W. St. Clair, a son Donald Lee St. Clair, born December 19, weight eight pounds, seven ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Dale F. Sorenson, a daughter, Sharon Dale Sorenson, born December 20, weight seven pounds, nine ounces.

KP Romance Winds Up in WAAC-Soldier Wedding

Ft. Des Moines, Ia.—A KP romance between a WAAC and an Army private will wind up in marriage in the Post chapel here. Pvt. William L. Smith, 25, of Philadelphia showed Miss Esther I. Welch, 22, of Indianapolis the ins and outs of kitchen police details including spud peeling and dish washing. That is how they met ten weeks ago when she arrived at the Post.

Serve in Silence

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No. 20

Stiff Sentence for Soldier Divulging Troop Movements

Over-anxious to tell the folks at home the news about himself, a Camp Roberts soldier divulged military information that could have been used by the enemy and has been sentenced to six months at hard labor, confinement in camp guardhouse and forfeiture of \$28 a month from his pay for six months.

The inadvertent statements of the soldier were made over a camp coin telephone and overheard by a non-commissioned officer. As reported to the special court-martial, the soldier sold:

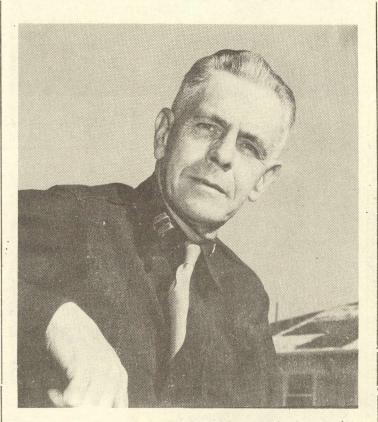
"Hello, Mom. Yeh, I'm fine. I wanted to phone you before I left. I finished my training yesterday and I'm being shipped out tomorrow. The whole battery is headed for . . ."

The point of destination was named by the soldier in addition to the news of the troop movement. The soldier was charged with violation of the 96th Article of War, and circumstances making the violation inexcusable, it was stated, were that soldiers at the camp are constantly warned not to divulge information that might aid the enemy and the fact that the soldier had served in the army previous to his present training period.

Fort Mac Arthur soldiers were again warned by Colonel W. W. Hicks, commanding officer, of the importance of keeping mum on matters military.

"Let this court-martial sentence act as an example to every member of this command. Silence in wartime cannot be over-emphasized. A good rule to follow is this: When in doubt, don't say it!" said the Colonel.

Indianapolis, Ind. (CNS)—Recruiting records were broken recently whn 295 men signed up in a single day here.



Capt. HORACE J. CATERER, M. A. C.
Former Medical Supply Officer, who now has a new mailing address.

ROSTER OF GENERAL HOSPITALS UNDER DIRECTION OF U. S. ARMY NAMED

Location

McKinney, Texas

White Sulphur Springs,

Spokane, Washington

W. Va. (Greenbriar Hotel)

Name

ASHBURN GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Colonel Percy Moreau Ashburn, Medical Corps, United States Army).

ASHFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Colonel Bailey K. Ashford, Medical Corps, United States Army).

BAXTER GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Jedediah Hyde Baxter, Surgeon General, United States Army, August 16, 1890, to December 4, 1890).

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Nurses Receive a Raise in Pay as Christmas Gift

The Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, our President, made a very nice Christmas present to the members of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps on Christmas Eve when he signed the Act of Congress which gives the nurses the pay of their relative ranks.

One important amendment added by the Senate Military Affairs Committee and accepted by the Senate and House includes the Navy Nurse Corps in the bill. Another amendment of the Senate Military Committee, designed to offset pressure by occupational therapy aides, pharmacists, and dental hygienists for separate corps, permits the Secretary of War to set up such additional corps as he may find necessary in the prosecution of the war.

The measure provides that, for the duration of the war, the superintendents of the two nurse corps shall have relative rank of colonel, and pay of officers of that grade without dependents. Nurses and head nurses would receive relative rank and pay of second lieutenants (\$1,800). Chief nurses will receive pay of first lieutenants. Assistant superintendents, directors and assistant directors would receive pay of captain, major, or lieutenant colonel, being distributed in these grades in such numbers as the department heads shall specify. Instead of the present system of longevity pay, nurses would receive the increases now payable to officers of the Regular Army-five per cent each three years, up to 30 years. Since, in some respects, the present method of increasing nurses' base pay results in higher pay for nurses of long service of some ranks, a savings clause protects against any reductions in total compensation.

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OXYGEN SECTION THRIVES ON AIR AND GIVES IT FREELY

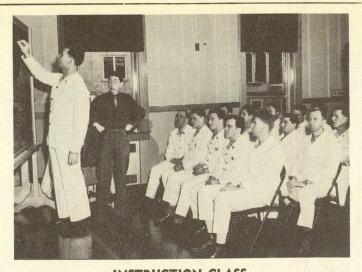
The phone jangles in the Police and Personnel Office and Sergeant Matt Jarvi, Jr., on day duty hears, "This is Sergeant Weil on Ward "G." Please send an oxygen tent and operator over immediately-Room Six -Upper."

"Oh, Oh! Here goes Goldstein again," will probably be Jarvi's reply and he reaches for the telephone again to locate Sgt. Herbert Goldstein to start the machinery rolling which will help save the life or alleviate the suffering of that patient in Ward "G" by having an oxygen tent and operator at the bedside in relatively few minutes.

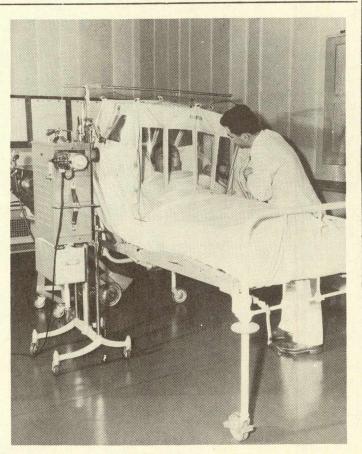
Following that order through, Sergeant Goldstein takes one of several tents ready for immediate use and inspects it thoroughly once more before sending it over to "G." By the time it is ready one of eighty oxygen tent specialists has been located and is ready for duty.

The patient, a pneumonia case, is placed under the tent and the operator receives his instructions from the ward officer as to the amount of oxygen to be used and the vigil begins. The job of the operator is not limited to watching gauges and pressures. He must be ever alert to the needs and condition of the patient. If there are signs of changes in the patient's condition, if the patient seems to fail, if he is restless, or if there are any changes-all must be reported to the doctor immediately and corrective measures taken at once. Possibly the air temperature in the tent is too warm or not warm enough; possibly the oxygen content is too much or not enough and possibly too great a percentage of carbon dioxide is present. A competent operator is ever alert to these possibilities and checks at all times to insure the maximum benefits and comfort for the patient.

Oxygen therapeutics are employed at any time a patient is suffering from anoxemia-"oxygen want." And Anoxemia is not limited to pulmonary cases but is often evident in heart cases, anemia, diabetes, internal hemmorhages, asthma, chest, head and abdominal surgical cases, as well as pneumonia and tuberculosis. The use of oxygen in collaboration with other therapeutic aides have cut the death rate amazingly. Day by day the scope of Oxygen Therapy increases.



INSTRUCTION CLASS Staff Sgt. Herbert Goldstein lecturing on the use and adjustment of the Oxygen Tent. Sgt. Irving Weill at the board.



Pfc. Robert Greeley putting final touch to setting of oxygen tent.

thoroughly trained. Consequently, tion of all equipment but also the men are chosen carefully before be- construction of the equipment as To insure the best results in Oxy- ing sent to school for this training well. Also, only men who have been

gen Therapy the operator must be which includes not only the opera-

on ward duty long enough to be thoroughly trained in the ward duties are allowed to take these classes. Therefore, a competent operator and ward specialist is the result upon graduation.

The classes are conducted by S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein under the supervision of the training officer and extend over a four-day period

Sergeant Goldstein learned Oxygen Therapy from T/Sgt. J. Davis in 1941 and was ordered to start classes for members of the Detachment. In order to facilitate instruction he wrote the book which is now being used as the regular text "Mechanics of Oxygen Therapy." The book was approved and published by Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, at that time Commanding General. To Sergeant Irving Weil goes the credit of illustrating the book, which, according to Sergeant Goldstein, would be valueless without the illustrations. Sgt. Ross H. Morey was responsible for the typing of the book.



HERBERT GOLDSTEIN Staff Sqt., Medical Dept.

Sergeant Goldstein was born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, February 21, 1916. He lived in Hamilton until he was nine years of age and then moved to Rochester, New York, with his parents. He attended Carson Long, Military Institution, in New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, from 1931 to 1933 and graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in Rochester, New York, in 1934.

After graduation Sgt. Goldstein worked as a process printer and played in an orchestra evenings. In 1938 he went with his brother-inlaw to Los Angeles and assisted in

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MOVIES AT THE POST THEATER

Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 2 and 3: HIGHWAY BY NIGHT-Richard Carlson and Jane Randolph, Also short subjects.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 5, 6: Now, Voyager-Bette Davis and Paul Henried. Also Short Subjects. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 7 and 8: FOOTLIGHT SERENADE - John Payne and Betty Grable. Also Short Subjects.



To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Burdette A. Palmer, a son, Burdette Allan Palmer, Jr., born December 21, weight five pounds, thirteen ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Doyle W. Jones, a son, Gary William Jones, born December 21, weight nine pounds, twelve ounces.

To T/5th Grade and Mrs. William F. Holmes, a son, Harvey J. Newsom Holmes, born December 21, weight five pounds, ten ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph B. Mc-Namara, a son, Joseph Benedict Mc-Namara, Jr., born December 24, weight seven pounds, eight ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Woodrow P. Wilson, a son, Barry Woodrow Wilson, born December 26, weight seven pounds, eight ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Verne A. Knapp, a son, Larry Verne Knapp, born December 28, weight seven pounds, nine ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Gardner W. Earle, a daughter, Sandra Winifred Earle, born December 28, weight eight pounds, ten ounces.

DI MAG IN NAVY LINEUP

San Francisco (CNS)—Dominic Di Maggio, brother of Joe, has signed up with the U.S. Navy and has begun training here. Dom played a bit of major league ball with the Boston Red Sox last season.

BUY BONDS—BYE BYE JAPS

MORE ABOUT OXYGEN SECTION



A LESSON in adjusting the oxygen tent. Faces shown in photo belong to T/4th Gr. Carl Myers and Sgt. Buford Folsom.

(Continued from page two) in that city.

1940 found Sergeant Goldstein interested in the Medical branch of Sergeant, June, 1941; and Staff Serthe service and he enlisted at Fort geant, July, 1942. MacArthur on August 13, 1940, and was sent to Letterman Hospital for Bernice Gewirtz of San Francisco in duty. He was assigned to the Police August of 1942.

and Personnel Office and has been the operation of a process print shop there since that time. Appointments came to the Sergeant as follows: Private First Class, January, 1941;

Sergeant Goldstein married Miss

BEWARE! BUDDY, THEY'VE GOT A **NEW RACKET**

Racketeers are always with us.

They have taken on an even more reprehensible guise recently, for they are preying on the kin of servicemen.

The War Department has revealed a new angle played by these predatory wolves.

"Private Joe Doaks got a letter from his mother. She had been visited by Joe's buddy, John Doe. John said Joe wanted money for a camera. So mother gave John the money. She hoped that Joe was enjoying the camera; she knew he had always wanted one. That was

the story. "Of course, Joe Doaks had no camera. Neither had he a friend named John Doe. But mother knew neither. The old racket."

Even worse are the unscrupulous ads now appearing in some publications, urging parents, relatives and friends to "let Sam do your Christmas shopping for you. In these days of gas rationing, we all must conserve. Just send me \$2.00 and I will mail this beautiful leatherette toilet kit (or one of any number of items) to your soldier boy, postage prepaid." Of course what the soldier receives is a paper covered imitation leather kit with the cheapest equipment, costing not more than twenty-five cents.

Soldiers are urged by the War Department to warn their relatives and friends to see what they buy, and buy only from reputable dealers. Don't let these racketeers put one over on your loved ones in the overworked name of "Patriotism".

Two LGH Officers Are Upped to Rank Of Lieut. Colonel

Silver leaves to officers who still wear their hair black came as a Christmas present to Major J. Schwarz and Major Gerson R. Biskind, and they have been acknowledging congratulations from their fellow officers all during this week.

Lieut. Colonel Schwarz is one of those strong silent men who has plenty to say when the occasion calls for speech. He became head of the Outpatient Department in the early summer of this year-a position he has administered with the greatest efficiency and tact. In his role of Evacuation and Receiving Officer he has done a very satisfactory job. Colonel Schwarz has been on duty at Letterman since July 23, 1941.



GERSON R. BISKIND Lieut. Colonel, M. C.

Lieut. Colonel Biskind is one of the outstanding officers of the army in laboratory research. He succeeded Colonel Dart as Chief of our Laboratory Service when the latter took off for "down under" some time ago. A list of his memberships in professional societies would stretch from here to the end of the column. Colonel Biskind has been on the Letterman staff since November 20, 1940, and that makes him one of the "old men" of the group serving this hos-

NEW ASPIRIN TECHNIQUE

San Francisco (CNS)—"I've got an awful headache," said a souse, as he was booked for drunkeness, "a fellow told me to try aspirin. I put em on my head hours ago and I don't feel any better." When his hat was removed 15 tablets fell to the

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

TRAINS AND TRAINING

The actions and conduct of men in uniform who are on a long journey make deep and unforgetable impressions on the civilians who share with them the discomforts of wartime rail travel.

Ten suggestions for traveling service men to follow are offered by Capt. T. C. Kahn, S.C., as a result of observations made while doing considerable traveling for the Government:

- 1. Don't drink before or while traveling. Nothing can give the Service a black eye faster than an intoxicated soldier
- 2. Don't push in crowds, linger in dining cars or sit while ladies are standing. Chivalry and courtesy are always noticed and appreciated.

3. Don't be sloppy when you travel. Always be neat and in correct uniform.

4. Don't dirty seats, floors or station platforms with discarded papers and wrappers.

5. Don't chew gum vulgarly or noisily.

6. Don't smoke in cars not designated as smokers.

7. Don't be noisy or shout, especially when others want to sleep.

8. Treat officers with the same respect as you would at Mona Faye Rider. The bride was atyour post. Officers should always set the example of proper conduct.

9. Plan your trip and make all the necessary arrangements home in San Francisco. so you will not be a burden to others.

10. Do not discuss military matters or argue religion and silence on military subjects will Army.



Major Sidney N. Tucker explaining how Mrs. T. tossed what she thought was snow on the family Christmas tree and it turned out to be Epsom's Salts. Tree is reported to be thriving.

Miss Patricia Cummings, assistant Field Director of our Red Cross staff, back for a short visit and all glad to see her. "Pat" has been loaned to the Navy on a temporary basis.

Hats still being worn in the Adjutant's Office-and the culprits cannot even plead that it is a temple.

The P. X. Grill closed on Sunday mornings between nine and ten. Just when a lot of us could enjoy a leisurely breakfast.

Colonel George C. Shivers and Major Don Casad having a Sunday morning breakfast at the Car Station Grill. We are losing business.

Sgt. "Johnny" Steele answering all questions at the Information Office and with a smile.

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S/Sgt. Jack LaVelle concerned over the prospect of a wife who will rank him under the recent Act of Congress.

More pay for our civilian employes and more bonds for Uncle Sam. 400

WEDDING BELLS

In the presence of a small group of friends who gathered in the Post Chapel on Saturday, December 26th, Private First Class Robert P. Haupt, a member of the Medical Detachment on duty in the Post Library, was united in matrimony with Miss tended by Mrs. Marion Gorby while Pfc. Patrick J. Sullivan was the best

The young couple will make their

MORE BONDS FOR MORE BOMBS TO BUST THE BUMS

politics with civilians. Your give them confidence in the



Miss Edith Heinrich, recently promoted to the grade of Chief Nurse, has been assigned to Walla Walla, Washington, for her new station.

What looked like a general exodus took place when five of our number took off for Camp Adair two days before Christmas. Those waving from the back platform of the northbound train were 2nd Lieuts. Rosaleen V. Kelly, Grace M. Shields. Mary E. Rapp, Anne Detrano, and Helen Gribble.

Our old reporter-old in the sense of former-1st Lieut. Mary Katherine Cuppy, was a visitor over the past week-end and she never even dropped in to the sanctum.

Misses Lucille Jerabek and Ruth Laumbach spent part of the holidays as patients in the hospital. Echowhat holidays?

The annual party given by the nurses in their recreation hall was up to the standard set in other years and every one had a good time. Maybe we should have more parties?

Miss Ruth Miller is now off the beaten track but it will interest her friends and admirers to know she is assigned to the surgical dressing

With the pay of an officer and the salute to boot the life of an army nurse should make a stronger appeal to the sisters of the profession who are still contemplating joining up for the duration.

And with more money we will save more with war bonds.

Our staff has been increased with the addition of two Chief Nurses and they are welcome.

Miss Marie L. Pace was born in South Hill, Virginia, and although she has been stationed in a great many Army hospitals both within and outside the continental limits of the United States, she still retains the soft Virginia accent which always marks the natives of the state which produced so many famous early Americans.

She attended the South Hill High School and took her nurses training in Abingdon, Virginia. After two years of private duty at Roanoke she entered the Army Nurse Corps in 1918 and began her career as an she has served reads like a Cook's Giddings.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, January 3, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the command is extended to Major Harold R. Muller on the death of his father which occurred early this week.

Flier Gets Furlough, Finds Wife Away

Kansas City, Mo. - Sgt. Dick Leppert, RCAF pilot home from the wars in England, decided to surprise his wife when he arrived home. He entered his home unannounced to find that his wife had moved to Los Angeles to live with a sister. No one knows her new address.

Tour of the United States and points west, including South Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Washington, D. C., Texas, California, Philippines, Arkansas, California, Hawaii, California, Washington State, Alaska, and back to Letterman General Hospital in December of 1942. She received her First Lieutenancy in August of 1941.

Miss Edna H. Giddings was born in Burns, Kansas, but moved to Hutchinson, Kansas, to attend high school, and took her nurses training at the Grace Hospital in that city, graduating in 1932. For the following six years she did medical floor supervision and was assistant superintendent of nurses at the Grace Hospital, and in 1939 she received post graduate work in pediatrics at the Childrens' Hospital in Denver, Colorado. She entered the Army Nurse Corps in May of 1941 and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, until June of 1942 when she was transferred to Lemoore Army Flying School at Lemoore, California, hence to Letterman General Hospital on December 22, 1942, Miss Giddings received her silver bar in April, 1942. Army nurse. The stations at which and is officially First Lieutenant

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt., M. D.
PAUL H. STRUTHERS

Our featured buck private this week is Paul H. Struthers, whose birth date was recorded in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, July 23, 1920. The family moved to Arizona while Paul was still in the tricycle stage, where our soldier of today obtained his schooling. Graduating from grammar and high schools, Paul spent three and a half years at the University of Arizona where he majored in Agricultural Chemistry and Soils.

Paul is one of those determined souls who work their way through the institutions of learning. At college he worked in the laboratory, having possibly been inspired by his late father who was a doctor; while attending high school it was necessary for Paul to drive a long distance daily from the homestead where he lived.

Our buck became Army property in 1942 and is now working in the Office of the Chief of Medical Service, where his paternal instinct stands him in good stead. He also likes Chemical Warfare, having had chemistry at the university. He graduated second in class from the Special Service Schools on December 10 with Senior Medical Technician and Oxygen Therapy Technician ratings.

Two years of Junior ROTC and two years of Senior ROTC at high school and college respectively should be beneficial to Paul while his background and abilities are synchronized into the working gear of the Army.

His hobbies are hunting and geology, two pursuits which can often be combined, particularly when the interested party is also an amateur mountain climber.

A firm believer in payroll authorization for War Bonds, Paul expects to have a nest egg upon the successful conclusion of hostilities.

ROSTER OF U. S. ARMY GENERAL HOSPITALS

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Chickasha, Oklahoma

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Brigham City, Utah

Butler, Pennsylvania

Thomasville, Georgia

Denver, Colorado

Cambridge, Ohio

Jackson, Miss.

Modesto, Calif.

Longview, Texas

Memphis, Tenn.

San Francisco, Calif.

Battle Creek, Michigan

Walla Walla, Wash.

Temple, Texas

BORDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Lieutenant Colonel William Cline Borden, Medical Corps, United States Army).

BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Brigadier General Roger Brooke, Medical Department, United States Army).

BRUNS GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Colonel Earl Harvey Bruns, Medical Corps, United States Army).

BUSHNELL GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Colonel George Ensign Bushnell, Medical Corps, United States Army).

DESHON GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Lieutenant Colonel George Durfee Deshon, Medical Corps, United States Army).

FINNEY GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Brigadier General Miller Turpin Finney, United States Army).

FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Lieutenant James T. Fitzsimons, Medical Corps, United States Army. First Medical Officer killed in action in World War).

FLETCHER GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Colonel John Pierpont Fletcher, Medical Corps, United States Army).

FOSTER GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Colonel Charles L. Foster, Medical Corps, United States Army).

HAMMOND GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Brigadier General William Alexander Hammond, Surgeon General, United States Army, April 25, 1862, to August, 1863).

HARMON GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Colonel Daniel Warwick Harmon, Medical Corps, United States Army).

KENNEDY GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Brigadier General James Madison Kennedy, Medical Department, United States Army).

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Colonel Jonathan Letterman, Chief Surgeon, Army of the Potomac).

PERCY JONES GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Colonel Percy Lancelot Jones, Medical Corps, United States Army).

McCAW GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Brigadier General Walter D. McCaw, Medical Corps, United States Army).

McCLOSKEY GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Major James Augustus McCloskey, Medical Corps, United States Army).

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ON THE SPOT



JOHN DAN CAMP

From the land of cotton we introduce Private First Class John Dan Camp as "On the Spot" this week.

Private Camp hails from Toccoa, Georgia, where he was born and raised. Toccoa is a cotton farm town of average size situated about ninety miles east of Atlanta, Georgia. As Dan puts it, the town not only buys up the cotton from the neighboring farms for export but also uses a great deal of it in the manufacture of cotton goods and thread. Consequently, when the cotton market is poor the whole community suffers as a result.

Even before Camp had graduated from high school at Toccoa he had started to seek his apprenticeship as a cotton mechanical machinist. And until his induction into the Army at Atlanta, Georgia, on February 23, 1942, he had completed three and one-half years employment in this capacity with one of the thread companies in Toccoa.

From the induction center at Atlanta, Camp went to Camp Stewart, Georgia, where he was assigned to the station hospital. He was stationed there for five months and then transferred to the west coast with a Coast Artillery outfit.

Since there has always been a bit of unconscious rivalry between the beautiful girls in California and the Georgia "Peaches" — sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce — we asked Pvt. Camp's own personal opinion on the subject. He diplomatically declined to give a definite answer on this delicate topic but did mention that there were sure a lot of bee-oo-tiful women roaming around these parts.

A back injury has had Private Camp in bed in this hospital for the last month, but as he puts it—it won't be long now before he is back on his feet and returned to duty.

Serve in Silence

Congratulations are in order for John P. De Martini and William R. Halvorsen who were appointed Technicians Fifth Grade and Howard R. Atteberry, Antonio J. Montes, Angelo Rossi, Jr., Cyril G. Weigle and Bowman H. Hoerl who were appointed Privates First Class. . . .

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Chauncey Young on the job day and night, rain or shine, and every day.

The scramble for alarm clocks in the NCO quarters with S/Sgt. Leonard Bell always the loser.

Everyone happy about the apples which continue to arrive from Sgt. Alexander Kuzmoski's home town.

The numerous Christmas cards sent to members of the detachment from Pvt. A. Tizzola. And who is Tizzola-Sgt. Goldstein?

Sgt. Edward Blythin attending the USO and YWCA Christmas dancing parties and keeping the mistletoe situation well in hand.

Pvts. Melvin Natho and Walter J. Brazel returning from Christmas festivities with new permanent waves and manicures.

Pvts. William Belikoff and Harry A. Miller having girl troubles again and S/Sgt. Thomas Bell straightening out the difficulties.

Pfc. Howard Atteberry hurriedly scanning his Christmas cards. Looking for that certain one?

Private Bob Record of Reno trying to squeeze in time to meet visiting relatives between rushes at the Receiving Office.

Corporal Dan Bailey learning the intricacies of "on guard," "advance," "retreat," etc., every other night at the YMCA where fencing lessons are given.

Pfc. John F. Barsocchini energetically attacking a pile of work. John says he works on the "grind" crew at the "China Clipper" base in the Dental Laboratory.

Pfc. Arthur L. Forcade getting off for Christmas dinner with the folks and losing no time in changing from whites to OD dress uniform.

Sergeant Arlie Glassner ordering hamburger sandwiches in bunches like bananas.

BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

JANIS SUSAN WILL EXPLAIN THAT BEAMING SMILE OF THAT SGT. MAJOR

Sergeant Majors in this army are for all the contemplated moves of noted for what they know and will the "old man" and they put out nothnot tell. They are the repositories



Sgt. WILLIAM R. MODDY Wearing the smile of a proud daddy.

ing in the way of advance dope.

Our Sergeant Major is no exception to that standard even when it is something within his private life. Master Sergeant William R. Moody, our S. M., walked around here for days with real news and never spilled a word. His smile came into being more readily and lasted longer than usual but his staff merely thought it was the Yuletide spirit and basked in the sunshine of that smile.

On Christmas Eve Moody broke down and admitted he was a very proud father. Janis Susan Moody had arrived at St. Francis' Hospital on the 14th of the month, tipping the

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MOORE GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Samuel Preston Moore, Surgeon General, Confederate Army).

NICHOLS GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Henry James Nichols, Medical Corps, United States Army).

OLIVER GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Colonel Robert T. Oliver, Dental Corps, United States Army).

RHOADS GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Colonel Thomas Leidy Rhoads, Medical Corps, United States Army).

SCHICK GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of First Lieutenant William Rhinehart Schick, Medical Corps Reserve, United States Army).

TILTON GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of James Tilton, Surgeon General, United States Army, June 11, 1813, to June 15, 1815).

TORNEY GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of George Henry Torney, Surgeon General, United States Army, January 14, 1909, to December 27, 1913).

VALLEY FORGE GENERAL HOSPITAL WALTER REED GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Major Walter Reed, Medical Corps, United States Army).

WILLIAM BEAUMONT GENERAL HOS-PITAL (named in honor of Dr. William Beaumont (1785-1853) outstanding American surgeon).

WOODROW WILSON GENERAL HOSPI-TAL (named in honor of President Thomas Woodrow Wilson).

WINTER GENERAL HOSPITAL (named in honor of Brigadier General Francis Anderson Winter, United States Army).

Swannanoa, N. C.

Louisville, Kv.

Augusta, Ga. (Forest Hills Hotel)

Utica, New York

Clinton, Iowa

Fort Dix, New Jersey

Palm Springs, Calif.

Phoenixville, Pa. Washington, D. C.

El Paso, Texas

Staunton, Va.

Topeka, Kansas

SPECIAL SERVICE

Two former Sergeants returned to the School this week to pay a hurried, but welcome visit as Second Lieutenants. Recently enlisted head of the X-Ray School, Allen R. Crampton, and First Sgt. Hilmar A. Fauske came to sport their new "pinks" and wish the Detachment holiday greetings. Lieut. Crampton is to be stationed at Fitzsimons, in Denver, Colorado, and Fauske somewhere in the "Deep South."

Christmas was properly though not too quietly celebrated by the School Detachment this season. First Sgt. Harvey Hoblitzel spent four days with his sister down south; dinner invitations, gifts, parties, and headaches were "enjoyed" by all. . . .

Congratulations are in order to former S/Sgt. Delmar E. Carlson for two reasons. Monday night he left the post for OCS in Engineering down Virginia way and his orders read Tech. Sergeant. The Detachment hopes he will soon be through San Francisco with those two coveted gold bars on his shoulders. * * *

There are gaps in the familiar scenes-graduation has come and gone again-but with no diplomas, and no speeches. Seems the paper shortage-or is it a W.D. order has changed it all? But some things remain solid, immutable: students will leave, but we will always have more and more and more. . . .

* * * SIGHTS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Tech/4th Grade Donald E. Stone in bed covered only with his raincoat. Are your G.I. blankets too warm, Stone?

The Non-Coms still trying to catch up on the sleep they lost over the holidays.

The jammed mail room-guess the folks back home didn't heed the "Mail Early Warning."

The excitement of the graduating students on leaving the schools to return to their bases.

Cpl. "Doc" Eugene Beals dressed in his whites for "Surgery."



Much success to: Staff Sergeant D.
E. Carlson, Sergeant George E. Morey, Corporal David B. Goodman, and Technician Fifth Grade Francis F. Morgan who left to attend OCS, and to Private Milton D. Carlton who was appointed Aviation Cadet and left to begin training.

UNIFORM DON'TS

Some helpful advice to officers concerning the wearing of the uniform was recently published in The Adjutant General's School Bulletin. Although of interest to all officers, the list of dont's should be particularly so to officers recently commissioned. We reproduce the list of uniform don'ts from the above-described bulletin as follows:

- 1. DON'T place insignia incorrectly on uniform; arrange all insignia according to regulations. See A. R. 600-40. with changes.
- 2. DON'T wear shoulder patch on raincoat or white uniform.
- 3. DON'T neglect wearing insignia of grade on shoulder loops of raincoat, unless directed otherwise by proper authority.
- 4. DON'T wear mixed uniform, such as cotton trousers with wool shirt.
- 6. DON'T wear uniform unbuttoned. This includes coat, overcoat, and shirt, as well as other articles of uniform. Don't fail to button pockets. Don't fail to button collar band of shirt when necktie is worn.
- 7. DON'T wear raincoat for warm-
- 8. DON'T wear a shirt that is not strictly regulation; don't wear a shirt that has a stripe or pattern.
- 9. DON'T wear any article of clothing with broken, cracked, or defaced buttons which are exposed.
- 10. DON'T wear coat buttons that are so attached as to have the coat of arms in any but the vertical position.
- 11. DON'T let brass get tarnished. If you have not time to polish it daily, cover the brass with some substance, such as lacquer, so as to retain the shine. Don't neglect polish-

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IMAGINE BEING LACONIC ABOUT THE ROLL OF TARGET FOR A JAP SNIPER!!!



EMMETT FEE Private, Infantry, Unassigned.

"I'm sorry, but I don't think that I did anything that is worth writing about," remarked Pvt. Emmett Fee of the Infantry, and now convalescing at this hospital.

The modesty of this man was even more pronounced than is generally the case with men who have been up against the enemy. When his jaw snapped shut and his taciturnity was again profound, it was evident real diplomacy was needed to get a story. Knowing that he was slated for a thirty-day sick furlough and that home was uppermost in his mind we took hold of that idea and decided that it would be the "Achilles Heel" for attack. We won.

Fee was born just out of the farming community of Minto, North Dakota, April 25, 1908, and had spent his entire life farming until his enlistment at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, on his birthday in 1941. His stay at Fort Snelling was brief and the next seven months found him on maneuvers in Louisiana. He was discharged because of his age and was then called back into the service again at Pendleton, Oregon, in January, 1942. Soon after he was headed overseas!

In typical "Fee" fashion, the trip overseas was uneventful and Australia was the first stop. Later he was transferred to New Caledonia and remained several months.

When operations started in the Solomons, Fee was among the first to land. And though surmising that it also must have been "uneventful" it developed that there was bombing while they landed and very heavy bombing an hour after they landed.

"They didn't repeat very much after that, however," Fee remarked. "Their planes' formations were pretty well shot to pieces and the loss heavy."

For six days after landing Fee did guard duty. On the seventh night his first actual fighting became a reality.

"I don't know," he said. "We had been cleaning out snipers all day and with night-fall there wasn't very much action. Of course you can hear the Japs back in the jungle tapping their gun barrels with bamboo to try and confuse us. It didn't. It was just plain monotonous.

"Naturally it was dark, so we were quiet and watching for Jap gun flashes. All of a sudden I thought someone had hit me in the chest with a gun butt—and I was shot," he said.

"I don't know who did it and didn't even see the gun flash," Fee continued, "but I know it didn't hurt much and though it got me in the left lung and clipped a couple of ribs it really wasn't much. Of course, I am mighty thankful there are sulpha drugs. No infection and the wounds healed rapidly."

"So you see," he concluded, "I really didn't do much. I am a little griped about the fact that I only had one day in the fight."

Pvt. Fee is now on his way back home on a sick-furlough, and we hope that he will have a pleasant time and improve rapidly under the influence of home cooking and surroundings. If he wasn't so modest we'd even wager that he could become the town hero mighty easy.



The smiling face you see at the cash register in the Commissary belongs to Mrs. Carol Mae Scott, a new employe in the Supply Division.

Promotions galore! Charles Mehr to Master Sergeant; James F. Larney to Technical Sergeant; Dean Latimer to Sergeant (T); Alfredo H. Armendariz to Corporal; and Hobert L. Montgomery to Private First Class. Congratulations!

Nice to receive word via a Christmas card that it is now Major Lewis S. Parody. Major Parody formerly served here as Assistant Quartermaster.

Mrs. Sue Greenwell reports a pleasant visit with her parents and daughter at Chico, California, on Christmas Day.

Congratulations and best wishes are being extended to Corporal and Mrs. Gregory C. Browne. Corporal Browne of the Transportation Branch was married on Christmas Day to Betty K. Praten of San Francisco. Mrs. Browne is head of the Alteration Department at Liebes Company in San Francisco. The couple have established their residence at 900 Powell Street.

Laff of the Week-

Williams Field, Ariz.—A soldier, disturbed over a personal affair, picked up the phone and in his excitement dialed the wrong number. When the party answered, the irriated chap began voicing his woes.

"Wait a minute," the voice on the other end interrupted, "do you know who you are talking to?" "No," replied the soldier.

The voice then informed him that he was talking to Col. Bridget, the Commanding Officer.
There was silence.

Then the private asked, "Sir, do you know who you are talking to?"

"No," replied the colonel.

There was a deep sigh and a fervent "thank goodness!" as the receiver clicked.

Sports Slants

Camp Grant (III.) dropped its initial basketball encounter of the cage season to the Sheboygan Redskins of the National Professional Basketball league by the score of 46-34. High scorer for the soldiers was Stan Szukala:

The Galloping Gophers, tagname of the hockey team composed of soldiers from Minnesota who are stationed at the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco, lost their first game of the season to the champion University of California Bears 3-1. Up to the last period the score was 1-1, with the soldier defenders taking a beating because of the shortage of replacements.

The 124th Infantry Gators clinched the Ft. Benning (Ga.) Football Championship last Sunday by overwhelming the 55th Engineers 45-20.

Two more big league baseball players—both from the Chicago White Sox—have joined the Army. Veteran outfielder Sammy West is at Ft. Sill, Okla.; outfielder Myril Hoag enlisted in the Army Air Forces at Mather Field, Cal.

Sgt. Gregory Mangin, four-time winner of the National Indoor tennis crown and member of the U. S. Davis Cup team from 1929 to 1936, is training in aerial gunnery at Hunter Field, Ga.

MORE ABOUT SUSAN

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scales at 5 pounds 11 ounces. She is the first baby in the family and the sergeant probably thought he and Mrs. Moody should enjoy her for a while before sharing her identity with their friends and the general public.

Looking back over a story on the Sergeant Major which appeared in this paper last June we find that our reporter then wrote: "Sgt. Moody is a home man from the word "go;" says he makes a hobby of collecting cookies, his wife's and as many others as possible; further states that walking one small dog constitutes his activities along any sporting line—and not too often."

Now with Janis Susan to dangle on his knee home will be more appealing than ever and whatever walking he does will be done with the new daughter. If the pooch wishes to trail along there will be no objection.

The Commanding General and the entire command extend their best wishes to Janis Susan for a very Happy New Year.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

A steadily increasing number of civilian employes are authorizing the saving of part of their salary through War Bond reservations. This latest departmental tabulation still finds us short of the goal of ninety per cent desired by the Secretary of War, however, and the spirit of Letterman should urge us to increase this total daily until we have reached up to the desired percentage. Many employes have signified their intention of participating in the Campaign after the first of the year and it is hoped this group will keep the War Bond thermometer rising.

		Employes	rer-
	Number of	Buying	cent-
DEPARTMENT	Employes	Bonds	age
Civilian Personnel	10	10	100
Special Service Schools	7	7	100
Library		2	100
Chief Nurse's Office	2	2	100
Chaplain's Office	1		100
Post Engineer	75	72	96
Unit Personnel	21	20	95
Quartermaster Corps		14	93
Dieticians	12	11	91
Mess (Female Attendants)	88	79	89
Surgical Service		8	88
Ward Attendants (Male)	33	29	87
Physio Therapy	8	7	87
Registrar's Office	15	13	86
Dental Technicians	14	12	85
Gardeners		12	85
Mess Attendants (Male)	6	5	83
Occupational Therapy		4	80
Transportation		4	80
Medical Supply	9	7	77
Laboratory	24	18	75
Nurse's Quarters		39	67
Janitors		20	64
X-Ray		7	58
Laundry		36	54
Adjutant and File Room	6	3	50
Medical Service	5	2	40
Internes	Part of the Part o	3	25
Outside Police		1	25
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UNIFORM DON'TS

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12. DON'T wear a cravat with a stripe or pattern in it.

13. DON'T fail to tuck cravat between first and second buttons (the two buttons below collar button) when shirt is worn without coat. Don't merely stuff cravat in shirt; fold it in.

14. DON'T wear unmatched leather.

15. DON'T wear belt with tip pointed to the right.

16. DON'T wear any belt buckle except the prescribed one. The buckle with the coat of arms is not prescribed.

17. DON'T neglect shoe laces; see that they are properly tied and knotted.

18. DON'T allow socks to dangle or flop. Use supporters, or wear socks which have elastic bands.

19. Don't carry unnecessary articles or papers in pockets; avoid unsightly bulging pockets.

20. DON'T allow handkerchiefs, letters, or any other matter to project from hip pocket.

21. DON'T fail to polish shoes regularly and often. Unpolished shoes are very noticeable and may be the deciding factor between a well-dressed and a poorly dressed officer.

NURSE PAY RAISE

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The physical therapy aides corps and the dietitians corps each would have a director with relative rank of major, with other members of the corps holding relative rank and receiving pay of captains and lieuts.

Toys Teach Soldiers Tactical Tricks

Camp Roberts, Cal.—Soldiers play with toys—during their training hours. Miniature battlefield peppered with fuel oil tanks, buildings, riflemen, machine-gunners and mortar men have been constructed and are used to teach infantry tactics to soldiers of an infantry training battalion here. The miniature tactic tract is the brainchild of Lt. John O. Garrison.

WIDE OPEN SPACES

Mana^ssa, Colo.—Con Rogers, a cowboy, was thrown from his horse suffering a broken leg. He crawled two days before he was found by searchers.

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Rules for Mailing Packages to War Prisoners Outlined

A general license known as "G-PW-2" has been issued authorizing the exportation, by mail only, of gift parcels to members of the armed forces of the United Nations who are prisoners of war and to civilians who are nationals of the United Nations interned in enemy occupied territories. Such gift parcels are limited to those which may be sent under the general license. Applications which do not meet specifications for the general license will not be granted. Persons desiring to send parcels under the general license may do so without applying to the Board of Economic Warfare for an export license, which formerly was required, under the following provisions:

Packages must not exceed 11 pounds gross weight, 18 inches in length, or 42 inches in length and girth combined. Only one such parcel may be sent to each prisoner each sixty days. The contents of each package must be listed on a special form provided by the post office department and filed at the time of mailing.

The Provost Marshal General's Office will furnish an official label in duplicate for parcels going to members of the United States armed forces who are prisoners of war. Packages may not be shipped to the Orient at present, but when facilities are available to transport such packages to Japan and Japanese controlled territory, labels will be issued to the next of kin without request. Labels will be issued by their respective governments for packages sent to prisoners who are nationals of the British Empire.

German authorities provide labels for packages to members of the armed forces of any of the United (Continued on page three)

FORMER COMMANDING OFFICER DIES



Lieut. Colonel LEO C. MUDD U. S. A. Retired

Former Commanding Officer of Letterman General Hospital, who passed away at his home recently.

After a lingering illness, Lieutenant Colonel Leo C. Mudd. formerly Commanding Officer of Letterman General Hospital, died Saturday, January 2nd, at his home at 3616 Broderick Street. Colonel Mudd was buried at his birthplace, Saint Charles, Missouri, Friday, January

Commanding Officer of Letterman mand.

General Hospital for a relatively short period in World War I, until his retirement for physical disability on September 26, 1918.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. A. J. Daves of San Francisco and Mrs. William J. Miedling of Los Angeles, and three brothers who live in Missouri.

Sympathy is extended to the fam-Lieutenant Colonel Mudd was the ily of Colonel Mudd by this com-

YANK Makes Liberal Subscription Offer To Men of LGH

In an effort to provide the latest in news for all members of the armed forces, a subscription plan was introduced by the magazine "Yank's" official Circulation Staff Member. Corporal Arthur H. Alexander, during the week, whereby individuals may subscribe directly and be assured of receiving "Yank" whether they remain within the United States for the duration or are transferred to any of our foreign fighting fronts.

"Yank" is the War Department's ONLY official enlisted man's publication-by and for the enlisted man. Yank is a non-profit, non-commercial enterprise sold exclusively to members of the Armed Forces.

The War Department sees that Yank's soldier-correspondents travel the war zones to bring the news, as it happens, in words and pictures to their buddies wherever the fighting man may be. No stone is left unturned in keeping our Armed Forces aware of the world's happenings, humor, and humanity, thus creating a more responsive fighting man-the WHY he fights.

A special subscription plan is offered by the War Department to any member of the fighting forces. Each voluntary subscriber by paying one dollar (\$1.00) in advance, will receive a copy of "Yank" mailed individually, each week for thirty-five (35) weeks, no matter where he be stationed.

Should a subscriber change his service address, "Yank" will still follow him (foreign duty included), provided he fills out the change of address slip found in every copy of "Yank."

The entire CASH transaction, not a collection sheet, is authorized by the War Department. Since "Yank"

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EXCHANGE ENJOYS EXCELLENT PATRONAGE AT LETTERMAN

Mr. John Wolitarsky, manager of the Letterman Post Exchange Restaurant, doesn't advertise in the "Foghorn" or any other local newspaper because the fine reputation of his establishment has already been decided on more tangible evidence. Over his famous horse-shoe counter passes the best of food in the least time and at prices no one could object paying. Nothing amateur about the service either-it's efficient and pleasant.

Now that a true estimation of the PX Restaurant has been set down. we will get on with a little attempt at whimsy-all at no one's expense, it is hoped.

Upon entering the restaurant during the busy hours, it is advisable to pause and "case the joint" as the boys in the mob back home used to say. Of course, your purpose is strictly honorable as you simply want to estimate how soon a counter seat will be vacant. There is no trick to this procedure. Run your eye along the counter and those who have just squared their elbows for the attack on a blue-plate special are automatically put in the 15 minute class. That is, you'll wait 15 minutes for any of those seats. Then there are those who have just begun on their pie-ah, 6 minutes to go-but note the coffee mug still filled-better make that 8 minutes. However, if the diner has a lighted cigarette in his mouth or has begun to study his check, you may safely assume he is about to depart and edge your way over. There is no percentage in being over-eager. Let him swing the stool around himself.

Should you secure either of the two seats flanking the cash register a word of warning may be necessary. Do not fear for the safety of your precious coffee should an arm be thrust across the counter alongside your cup. You can be reasonably sure it is a customer, well-satisfied with his ration, plunking down some coin in payment. Payment, incidentally, is always followed by a polite "Thank you" from the Misses Jerry Hogan and Elizabeth True, cashiers.

One of the finest exhibitions of "restauranteerism" is on view for the public when Nathaniel Nelson-'Junior' to everyone—the kitchen man goes through his fast routine known as "Keepin' the Koffee Kumin'." Junior's duties keep him occupied in the kitchen most of the time,



Conclusive evidence of the Post Exchange's popularity.

but upon hearing the plaintive cry "coffee's out" he rushes forth to meet the emergency. Wasting no time, he grabs up all the empty glass beakers, fills them with pure water and sets them back on the fire. In a short time, this water is boiling, and, one by one, he replenishes them at a contrivance which apparently works on the same principle as that of a peanut-vending machine. A quick snap of the handle and the correct amount of coffee grounds is measured out with a minimum of fuss. Then without breaking the rhythm of his work, the hoppers are fitted onto the glass beakers simmering on the hob. This done, he may turn his attention elsewhere and leave the absorbing spectacle of water being forced up out of the beakers to the coffee above for the eyes of the customers alone. Although this phase of coffee making is completed in a remarkably short period of time, Junior seldom permits himself the pleasure of watching; instead he busies himself at other tasks. In fact, it often appears that it will be necessary to remind him of his responsibilities, but such is never the case. Nonchalantly, he returns to remove the apparatus from the fire in the nick of time and the coffee begins to seep back into the beaker below. The crisis having been met, Junior retires from the

tarsky contemplates any enlargement of his present facilities for the chummy atmosphere of the restaurant must figure large in his "good will" asset. As things are now you can have breakfast and at the same time exchange "good mornings" with half your co-workers. This saves many valuable seconds otherwise lost in settling down to the day's work.

At noon-time the "Grill" furnishes ample opportunities for wisecracks withheld earlier because of the morning's activities. Although some may think these witticisms could be deferred for the duration and cause no great suffering, what real worth is the opinion of a sourpuss, anyway? A laugh raises the price-value of any day. At this time, loud resolutions applying to future performances of duty are also heard, while the low murmur in the background is sure to be the "Grapevine" pulsating steadily.

One of our favorite nuisances, experienced from time to time at the "Grill" counter is a neighbor who must spread his morning newspaper out flat in order to read. Granted that the current headlines go very well with a hearty breakfast, a strain on personal relationships is likely to develop because of this practice. One solution to the situation-merely of- his wallet is missing.

It is not believed that Mr. Woli- fered as a suggestion-is that the paper-owner invite his neighbor to join him in a huddle, each with one arm thrown across the shoulders of the other. This would conserve valuable space and still leave one arm (apiece) free to handle the grocer-

> Many may insist that they know the Restaurant well, but it is a safe bet that few have noticed the lack of available reading material on the walls. Restaurants in other (and more congested) sections of town frequently display wall-cards with messages of sly humor such as "Credit is dead here-Poor pay killed him" or "Eat here and keep your wife as a pet." Very likely, Mr. Wolitarsky believes that even the cheeriest "bon mot" is not deserving of such permanency and senses a similar belief on the part of his more sophisticated clients. Yet some comment should be made on the fact that not even a "Watch your hat" sign is on the premises. On the other hand, what will strike the eye, is an electric clock high up on one wall, reminding us that Pacific War Time is a fleeting thing.

> That, friends, is life as it is found in the PX Restaurant. Whatever else you find there, keep it to yourself as the owner may never realize

MORE ON PRISONERS GIFTS

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Nations other than the United States and the British Empire. Gift parcels also may be sent to such prisoners in Italy or Italian controlled territory, but must bear a certificate in writing that the prisoner is known to be at the address given and that no package has been mailed to him by the sender within sixty days prior to the date of mailing, and that to the writer's knowledge no other package had been mailed to the prisoner in that period.

In all cases the sender must write in ink under the address: "General License 'G-PW-2,' Via New York, New York."

Gift parcels may not contain written or printed matter of any kind, and articles in glass containers or those which are hermetically, vacuum, or solder sealed tins or collapsible tin tubes, such as shaving cream or tooth paste, are banned.

Among the articles which may be included in the gift parcels are:

For Men - Tobacco (smoking, chewing or cigarette); pouches; pipes, holders, and non-metallic cases; washing powder, medicated or bath soap, towels, wash cloths, playing cards (banned in Italy); checkers, chess, cribbage, and ping pong sets; soft, base, and footballs; ball gloves; socks, belts, shorts, shirts (regulation if Army or Navy); slacks (regulation); underwear, gloves, handkerchiefs, mufflers, sweaters, shoes, laces, slippers, insoles, bathrobes, pajamas, nightgowns, suspenders and garters; tooth powder and brushes in non-metallic containers, combs, brushes, razors, safety razor blades, talcum powder, styptic pencils, shaving soap cakes and powder, small mirrors, gum, shoe polish, toothpicks, nail clippers, wallets, pocketbooks, mending kits and sewing kits without scissors; buttons, and hair clippers.

For Women and Children—Hose, safety pins, mirrors, ribbons, hair nets and pins, knitting needles. Approved food items are dried soups. in cellophane bags, cereals, dried skim milk, nuts, plain or chocolate powdered milk, cheese, dried fruits and meats, coffee (no more than one pound), malted milk tablets, dried paste foods, tea, cocoa and sugar.

Packages are sent postage free if they conform to these regulations.

Individual export licenses for prisoner of war and internees shipments an individual prisoner.

PORTLAND'S CAPTAIN JONES IS HEAD OF LGH PHYSICAL, FEVER THERAPY



ARTHUR C. JONES, Captain, M. C.

It was the city of Portland's loss and the Army's gain when Captain Arthur C. Jones, M. C., reported for active duty and assignment September 16, 1942 to Letterman General Hospital. And research and study since 1929 in the relatively new field of fever therapy plus extensive practice in Physical Therapy make Captain Jones the logical man to be termed Chief of these services.

Born September 4, 1896, in Oberlin, Ohio, the keen memory of Captain Jones can recall many interesting incidents of a frontier type of living among the towns of Black Hill county. His father, a Congregational traveling minister, took the Jones family successively from Oberlin, Ohio, to Western, Hyannis, Hay Springs and Sergeant, Nebraska; and in Valley Falls, Kansas, he began his schooling.

The next move was to Rockland, California, in 1904 and later Morgan Hill, Santa Clara County, California. The latter town was so badly shaken during the earthquake of 1906 that the Jones family was moved to the area around Portland, Oregon, and has remained there since that time.

Captain Jones attended Forest Grove High School and received his

granted prior to the new procedures will be valid until the date of expiration, except that no outstanding license will be valid after midnight of January 10, 1943, for shipments to an individual prisoner.

A. B. at the Pacific University in 1921. However, after one year at this school he entered the service during the first World War and did not receive his diploma until after the war.

During 1918-1919 he was stationed at Camp Fremont, California, a remount station, and later was sent to Camp Mills, New York, preparatory to going over-seas. With the Armistice signed before he was shipped out, Captain Jones was sent to Camp Lewis, Washington, and discharged.

Captain Jones graduated from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1926, and during this time served as a half-time instructor in anatomy. He served his interneship at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago.

Captain Jones chose to practice medicine in Portland, Oregon, and also served as a member of the faculty at the University of Oregon, teaching anatomy. He was active in this from 1932 until 1941. And since 1929 the Captain has found Physical and Fever Therapies his particular interests—having been very active in these fields since that time.

Since his graduation from school Captain Jones has held a Reserve Commission in the Army, having received the commission of First Lieutenant upon completion of four years' R.O.T.C.

To the Captain the past Christmas holidays have been the best he has had. Mrs. Jones and daughter and son, Ardis and Irving, visited the Captain for two weeks to make it such.



The new clerk in the Motor Pool Section, Mrs. Ethel Giovacchini, is extended a welcome by the Quartermaster Dept.

Also, welcome two recent additions to Quartermaster personnel in the persons of Pvt. William P. Hughes of the Salvage and Reclamation Section and Pvt. Wallace L. Alvarez of the Clothing Repair Shop.

Sympathy and best wishes for speedy recovery are extended Mrs. Mollie Chrystal of the Clothing Repair Shop who suffered a broken arm; and Pvt. Charles L. Bissonnette of the Commissary, who is undergoing treatment at another general hospital.

Recent transfers in the Supply Division include Mrs. Sue Greenwell and Mrs. Elizabeth Camel to Purchasing and Contracting Section, and Miss Lois Wilson to the Office of the Director of the Supply Division.

MORE ON YANK OFFER

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is making a gift of 10% of each
Company's subscription collection to
that Company Fund, it will be in
order for the Company to deduct 10
cents at once.

On or before January 10, 1943, each 1st Sgt. may see that Four (4) informal, identical lists are made thus: bearing the subscriber's RANK, NAME, SERIAL NUMBER AND MAILING ADDRESS, and a blanket money order representing ninety cents (.90) for each subscriber less than the cost of such money order. Send one list to the undersigned, one list is kept by the Company or Battery, and the remaining two lists sent to "Yank," 205 East 42d St., New York, N. Y., where one receipted list will be returned directly.

No subscriptions will be accepted for civilians. However, should a man care to send a copy home each week, he may address that subscription thus: Pvt. J. Jones, c/o Mrs. J. Jones, 10 Smith St., Portland, Oregon (the same rate—\$1.00 for 35 weekly issues).

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

ENDURANCE

The year 1943 will be a test of our endurance. Endurance is a quality of life, which is an essential, if we are to live victoriously. The individuals whose names are recorded in our national history are persons who have revealed a capacity for fortitude. Endurance is not a short term period of courage, but a long term appointment. The ability to go forward courageously, in spite of hardships and problems, is an American characteristic.

A person endures only as he sees something beyond the physical vision, which claims his allegiance. When men have endured, it has been for the attainment and maintenance of some high ideal. Only as we match our generation with the same spirit of endurance, as our forefathers met their challenge, can their labors and sacrifices be maintained, and our American way of life be assured for our nation. American citizens will accept the challenge of 1943 for endurance because we cherish the ideals which have made our nation



Technician Fourth Grade Warren H. Young to Camp Barkely, Texas. Sergeant John W. Evans, to Monmouth, New Jersey.

BUY PLENTY OF BONDS



Mrs. Beswick of the Sgt. Majors Office much elated over the good news that her husband, Captain William S. Beswick, well known to members of this command, promoted to the grade of Major.

Miss Ethel Mahony, ward visitor of the Red Cross Staff, has resigned to take another position.

Tech./Sgt. Fred C. Jacobs and his office workers busy on the preparation of the pay roll for the patients of the Enlisted Men's Section.

. . .

The statement: "More than 20,000,-000 working men and women in this country are now putting aside definite per centages out of their pay envelopes for war savings, and in the case of six million of them that regular rate of saving is 10 per cent or more of all they earn. All that is pretty good, but pretty good is not enough to win this war." The War Bond Office, Room 202 in the Administration is open daily where you can make application for War Bonds.

Columbus, O. (CNS)-Coeds at Ohio Wesleyan University voted against accepting corsages for the duration. They urge their boy friends to buy war stamps instead.

Laff of the Week-

Bainbridge Army Flying School, Ga. (CNS)-When two ferry pilots landed here and requested overnight accommodations, the operations office called the Officer of the Day.

"Sure," said the OD, "just send 'em down to the BOQ."

"I'm sorry, sir, but I don't think the Bachelor Officers' Quarters would be . . . er, quite suitable. . . . "

"What do you mean!" interrupted the indignant OD, "we may not be on a par with the Astor, but if BOQ is good enough for the permanent personnel it ought to be good enough for transients. What do they want anyway, a country club!"

"But, sir," said the operations clerk, "these ferry pilots are women."



A hearty welcome and sincere wishes for the new year are extended to the latest nurses to join our staff last week.

Miss June Carol Winegar was born in the fast moving city of Chicago, Illinois; attended grammar and high school in Oak Park, a suburb, graduating there from high school in 1934, and then went to Nurse's Training Presbyterian Hospital located in Chicago proper, for three years, where she received her diploma in 1937. Possibly harkening to Horace Greelev's advice, Miss Winegar next was employed as a nurse out West on a Dude Ranch near Flathead Lake, Montana, did general duty in Sacramento for a while and then journeved to Reno, Nevada, where she did private duty for the past three years. Joining the Army Nurse Corps on December 30, 1942, Miss Winegar has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant and is now stationed here at Letterman. Her hobbies are swimming, horseback riding, photography and outdoor sports. And last, but not least, Miss Winegar is a collector of all kinds of phonograph records.

Miss Grace D. Boisvert was born in Faithorn Junction, Michigan, but now calls Champion, Michigan, her home. She attended Ironwood High School and graduated from training pounds, twelve ounces. school in 1936. After training at Misericordia Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Miss Boisvert did private and general duty and was at Cook County Hospital in Chicago for some time. She also was at the Veterans' Administration in Hines, Illinois. Miss Boisvert entered the Army Nurse Corps on March 10, 1942, as a Second Lieutenant. She left Fort Custer, Michigan, arriving in San Francisco on' May 5, 1942, leaving from here for foreign service. Lieutenant Boisvert is eager to return to the Southwest Pacific, however, for she is most enthusiastic about her work there.

Two popular members of the Army Nurse Corps were transferred this past week in the persons of 1st Lt. Alvina Schmidt, A.N.C., Chief Nurse, transferred to Great Falls, Montana, and 1st Lt. Carrie E. Bar- January 3, 1943.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, January 3, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. John H. Armstrong, a son, John Howard Armstrong, Jr., born December 30, weight nine pounds, two ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Obeb L. Gochenour, a daughter, Phyllis Jean, born December 31, weight seven pounds, six ounces.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph A. Putman, a daughter, Carol Jean Putman, born January 1, weight six pounds, eleven ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. John E. Baisch, a son, John Frederick Baisch, III, born January 4, weight eight

To Captain and Mrs. Edwin A. Nichols, a son, Mathew Munteneau Nichols, born January 5, weight eight pounds, two ounces.

To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Herbert Morin, a baby boy, born January 5, weight five pounds, fifteen ounces.

A KING AT HOME

Kearny, N. J.-Edward Horowitz owns a plant and inside it there are "no smoking" signs. He was smoking. He was caught at it. He was fined \$15.

rett, A.N.C., Chief Nurse, transferred to Fort George Meads, Mary-

Back from a thirty day sick leave to duty, is Mary Guilfoyle, 2nd Lt., A.N.C., who returned to duty on

ON THE SPOT



Pfc. WALTER T. BUCHANAN

Wearing the distinction of excellent machine gunner with a modesty that belies his becoming thatch of red hair, Private First Class Walter T. Buchanan is one soldier who has led a rugged and independent life. Now located in Ward D-1, Walter was not so long ago considered the second best machine gunner on one of those numerous but nameless islands in the Southwest Pacific where he was stationed.

Born in Strong's Prairie, Wisconsin on March 19, 1918, Walter received his schooling there and then entered the lumber and trucking business on his own prior to joining the Army on May 7, 1941. He received his basic training at Camp Davis, North Carolina and then was sent to Fort Monroe, Virginia preparatory to going overseas in January, 1942.

Stationed for about eight months on this island deep in the battle zone, Walter states that there were very few trees there and hardly any vegetation and consequently not much to tell about the island which was occasionally the target for submarine attacks, a few bombers and photography planes of the enemy. One exceptionally interesting note is supplied by Walter, however, when he discloses that many of the Ward Men at the Station Hospital on this Island had been trained at Letter-

Incapacitated by a machine gun explosion, Walter was hospitalized first on the island, then flown to Hawaii by bomber. From there he was returned to mainland and Letterman by boat.

Likeable, popular and capable Pvt. Buchanan expects to receive an honorable discharge sometime in March—he hopes—and after the War has hopes of reentering his former business and of course he is anxious to get back home with his Mother and Dad not to speak of getting in a little hunting and fishing.

HELPS PUSH JAPS BACK IN FIERCE SOLOMONS ENGAGEMENT



Private MATTHEW BAYGROWICZ

The story of soldier Matthew Baygrowicz is one that is replete with poignant and human drama which would challenge even the best efforts of the masters of prose and fiction. Indeed, the powerful and living plot, minute by comparison with the titanic world struggle now raging, which is to be seen in the life of Private Baygrowicz again emphasizes that truth is stranger than fiction.

Born in the peaceful little town of New Bedford, Massachusetts, on November 25, 1917, Matthew was taken by his parents to Poland in 1923, where he lived until 1938, when he returned to the United States. Of his return as an American citizen that fateful year, Matthew says simply, "I returned because I was an American." He knows nothing of what happened to his mother and father.

It was on March 21, 1941, that Soldier Baygrowicz went into the Army where he received his basic training at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, transferred from there in January to Australia. He was again

transferred, this time to the Solomons, and arrived in time to participate in one of the most terrific engagements of the war.

The story of this battle is best told by quoting Baygrowicz, who said: "Upon approaching the Solomons we were told by an officer of an approaching Jap convoy and were given to understand that it was a race for this island with possible grim consequences for the loser. Fortunately, and by the grace of God and efficiency of the Navy, we won the race. We landed in mid-afternoon ahead of the Jap convoy and, by what seemed to be super-human effort, unloaded our complete cargo and moved it back into the jungle in ten mighty tense hours."

"Yes, we were attacked by Jap planes," continued Baygrowicz, "but their aim was as mad as their motive and not one of our transports was hit; while on the other hand, twenty-seven Jap planes were shot down into the briny deep, some from the guns of the transport on which I sailed. We learned that the day be-

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



STANLEY H. PETERSON

When a man goes from service in the armed forces to become a butter and egg man in civilian life it is not considered news, but when a butter and egg man leaves civilian life to become a buck private in Uncle Sam's Army it definitely is news, and that is precisely what happened when Private Stanley H. Peterson of the Medical Detachment forsook civilian blue serge for Army khaki.

Yes, believe it or otherwise, Private Peterson was formerly a genuine butter and egg man. His title? Butter and Egg Inspector for the Government. For eighteen years he has worked in this capacity out of Denver and Salt Lake City, inspecting Government purchases of butter and eggs.

A native Cornhusker, having been born in Freemont, Nebraska in 1903, Stanley came to Letterman General Hospital via Salt Lake and Fort Douglas. He arrived here on the twenty-third of September. He obtained his schooling in Nebraska; likes hunting, fishing, bowling and golf; as well as butter and eggs—when he can get them. Our buck of the week, prior to making San Francisco his mailing address, resided in Salt Lake City for six years.

Stanley is on duty in the Field Wards of the Hospital and every day he may be seen in brisk and energetic discharge of those duties. His is the job of discharging patients from the field wards.

Unlike other fabulous characters of the butter and egg profession, Pvt. Peterson became married a little over two years ago and is happy about the whole thing. The residence address of Mrs. Peterson, while husband Stanley is under the thumb of 'military might,' is 2272 Fulton Street of this city. And on special occasions butter and eggs are served the many friends of Pvt. and Mrs. Peterson.

Jap 'Trap Shooting' Practiced on Guadalcanal

Guadalcanal (CNS) - Jap "trap shooting" has become a favorite sport of the yanks stationed here. Someone spots a sniper parked in the top of a palm or cocoanut tree. Then a tank is summoned and the Jap "trap shooters" make ready their trusty weapons. The tank gently bumps and jostles the tree until the son of a Rising Sun is dislodged from the tree "trap." As he hurtles earthward the yanks pop him off on the fly.

Frozen Fish Diet Supplied Ailing Private

Brigham City, Utah (CNS)-Frozen, uncooked fish and cod liver oil are delicacies to a private undergoing treatment at an Army hospital here. His name is (now take a deep breath) Matoomeaklook, His first name is Arthur and he hails from 90 miles south of Point Barrow, Alaska. The diet mentioned is traditional with him.

Provost Marshal Named for Europe

Washington - Maj. Gen. William S. Key has been named Provost Marshal General for the U.S. Army forces serving the European theater. Gen. Key will serve on the staff of Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, U. S. Army chief in Europe. Gen. Key will advise on relations between American soldiers and the British military and civilian populations.

'By the Right Flank—Skate!'

Washington-Skates are now undergoing tests by the Army to determine whether or not they could be put to practical use on feet of soldiers. Rubber and gas shortages are presenting many problems on troop movements so the possibility of making good skaters of the G. I. guys is under consideration.

Laundry List

Somewhere in the Southwest-Sgt. Ed McElhinney got the surprise of his life when his shirt came back from the laundry recently. There, buttoned neatly in the pocket, was his 'little black book.' It had gone to the laundry by mistake. But there was no mistaking that the girls at the laundry had read it. Added to the list were a dozen new names, phone numbers and addresses.

BUY BONDS—BYE BYE JAPS

MORE ABOUT BAYGROWICZ

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fore our landing, our forces had almost annihilated a complete Jap convoy which included powerful battle units."

"That night," he continued, "was hideous and awesome. It was an unusually dark night and shortly after nightfall, Jap planes came over again expecting to destroy our convoy. They dropped strings of huge skylighting flares preparatory to their hope of bombing our convoys only to learn that our transports had gone back but that our fifty millimeter anti-aircraft and tracer units were there and quite capable of dealing out destruction made easier by the Japs' own flares. The Japs were badly fooled and after a night of bombing, the curling spirals of smoke ascending from various parts of the bay and inlet, signifying the cremated remains of Jap planes, airmen and transports, was all there was to be seen."

A garrison was established in the jungle and Baygrowicz' outfit then launched an attack that has pushed Jap land forces ever back. And this type of jungle fighting is done without sleep, for to sleep is to invite a Jap bayonet in the back. Baygrowicz and his buddies engaged in six days of this jungle fighting made complicated by fox holes, Jap tree snipers, close range machine gun exchanges and dense jungle which, on accasion, defied visibility beyond ten feet.

On the seventh day, they started

emy forces, they moved cautiously forward only to be greeted by a withering machine gun attack which laid low companions to the right and left of Baygrowicz. Noting the position of the Jap machine gun nest by the flashes of their gun. Matthew quickly got his own machine gun into firing position and made hash of the immediate area containing the Jap unit with about sixty rounds of ammunition. He believes he wiped out the unit completely because soon all was quiet again and that was the end of THAT Jap nest.

Advancing again, another Jap machine gun nest which had been cleverly concealed, opened up from Baygrowicz's left and he was hit in the left arm, left leg and hip. He crawled to the cover of the brush and remained there for about thirty minutes. Then feeling better and slightly revived, he started hobbling back through the area from whence he had come and came upon members of his own company, who quickly helped him to the first aid sta-

From the front lines he was transported in an ambulance to the Marine Hospital, where his left hand was amputated above the wrist, and the next day went along with other patients to New Hebrides, New Zealand and finally back to the States. and Letterman.

Carrying with him memories of rain and mud, jungle and death. another advance at about nine in the Baygrowicz is thankful for his de-

morning. Seeing and hearing no en-



RED CROSS

On the regular Monday night Variety Show sponsored by the Red Cross for the patients of this hospital, Mr. Bill Baldwin, announcer for the Radio Station KGO will appear with the 'Radio Stars' of that station at the Recreation Hall at 7:00

Sponsored by Mrs. William Roth, Chairman of the Voluntary Services. Mr. Baldwin's show will be complete with music, dancing and sing-

All ambulatory patients are in-

Private Gets Pass for Year and Day-Almost

Ft. Devens, Mass.-Pvt. Malcolm Dixon approached his first sergeant and went through the lines of requesting a one-day pass. The absentminded sergeant who had been transferred from Texas shortly before, wrote Ft. Worth as the destination and dated the paper from May 10, 1942, to May 11, 1943. The error was corrected before Pvt. Dixon left the Post.

Corporal Bayonets Deer **During Night Practice**

Colorado Springs, Colo-The night was dark. The men on night maneuvers crouched with fixed bayonets. They were practicing raid tactics in mountain country. Suddenly a huge, dark form dashed at the soldiers. Cpl. Floyd Kephart lunged with his bayonet. Then some one snapped on a flash light to disclose that Cpl. Kephart had bayoneted a

RETTER BLANKETS-MAYBE

Oakland, Calif.-Mrs. Sam Sarver haggled with a peddler over the price of a pair of blankets. Finally she talked him down from \$2 to \$1 and the deal was closed. A few minutes later her mother-in-law entered to report that a pair of her own blankets had been filched from the clothesline. It was the pair Mrs. Sarver had bought.

liverance from a seemingly impossible predicament and can vouch for the fact that this primitive island was even then strewn with the dead bodies of the enemy. Yes, Private Matthew Baygrowicz, Unassigned, Infantry, now in Ward D-1, is a good man, a courageous soldier and last, but not least, according to his own words, "Proud to be an American."

Congratulations are in order for the following men: James F. Blackburn, appointed Staff Sergeant; and Hobert L. Montgomery, Charles C. Montgomery, Charles C. Pearson, and Lawrence E. Pearson appointed Privates First Class.

Welcome is extended S/Sgt. Edward G. Stuckert and Privates Richard E. Landre, Lloyd E. Groysa, Pacifico A. Palaroam and Clemente P. Patubo.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Cpl. C. R. Pike having difficulty with the chain on his bicycle. How about having that chain fixed, Corporal, so that we can all have a ride.

Pvt. John Emmet Perkins brushing up on his Spanish.

Pvt. Teddy J. Smith of the Receiving and Disposition Office needing a secretary for his voluminous personal correspondence and contacts.

Pvt. Ed Thompson keeping out of the sun. Could it have anything to do with what might be behind those good memories," an instructor dark glasses he has been wearing of said.

Pvt. E. Peterson making a thorough canvass and study of the game of chess. Chess masters, beware!!

Pvt. Percy Frazier getting instructions from Pvt. Pearson as to the best way to save one's hair and operator on each high-chair guides it around the hangar while the stimulate the growth of new hair.

the better plays on Geary Street and box about two feet long. then winding up the day with a swim at Sutro's.

Sgt. Major William Moody bearing up well under the stress and strain of paternal duties, including home guard duty.

Pvt. Lionel Rocke, distinguished stylist, even with regulation Army clothing. 'Nothing New Has Been Added,' but he is different, some how.

Soldiers quartered in Barracks T-37 missing the charming wake up pep talk of Sgt. Harry Panerantz, now on furlough.

Happy smiles on the faces of the men attending the various service dances. All wolf and a yard wide.

S/Sgt. Wiley Dunn, Jr., late of the Sgt. Major's Office, keeping up with the times with a periodical, called "Moody Monthly."

Sgt. Edward Blythin unhappy is bigamistic by nature?

ARMY BOMBARDIERS LEARN TO 'EGG' WHERE IT HURTS—TOKIO TAKE NOTE

Midland Army Training School, Tex.—The Hell from Heaven Men, the name given bombardiers after Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle's raid on Tokio, are trained here day and night in the deadly art of laying eggs where they will do the most harm to the enemy.

Accuracy in bombing, based on a thorough knowledge of Uncle Sam's secret bombsight, is the most important of the more than 20 phases of a bombardier cadet's training. Precision bombing is de-manded instead of splash bombing, the wasteful method used by the Germans on London, Bristol and Coventry.

The hit-or-miss system of the Nazis destroyed large amounts of civilian property, but very few military objectives, instructors here pointed out.

We teach them to do it the way Jimmy Doolittle did it," said a captain. "Every bomb a hit, and every hit a smash in the Jap's military vitals."

Homework Eliminated

Study on the bombsight begins in classrooms, behind locked doors. The cadets are not given homework because details of the bombsight or its operation never have been printed.
"They have to use their memo-

ries to learn about the bombsight,

The cadets make their first practical acquaintance with a bombsight in a locked and guarded hangar. They climb atop powered, wheeled steel scaffolds, 12 feet high, called 'high-chairs.' They sit in bucket seats with the bombsights in front of them. An cadet practices sighting on a 'bug, Pvt. Paul Wayne taking in one of an electrically operated, wheeled

> After the high-chair exercises which consume a total of several hours over a few days, the cadets

begin air work. First they familiarize themselves with the equipment in the planes, bomb racks, navigation instruments and weap-

Next they are taken out for flights on which they observe how planes are operated. Then comes live bombing

The first 25 hours of bombing is carried on by day, a total of 80 eggs being dropped by each cadet. In the night exercises, 12 hours of flying, they drop 20 projectiles.

The final exam is scored bombing. The cadets are allowed a certain number of misses in a given number of shots. Photographic records are made of each cadet's firing to insure accurate scoring. The cadets get credit for hits and near misses.

When the cadets are graduated they are commissioned second lieutenants, awarded wings, given flying pay-and sent to a gunnery school for five weeks. A new system of manning the guns on bombers require bombardiers, navigators, co-pilots and radio operators to 'double' in gunnery on bombing missions, going out and coming back. After completing the gunnery course, the cadets are assigned to combat units.

Prior to the training here, the cadets spent 12 weeks at a bombardier replacement center, during which they are given basic military training and a ground course

Bombardier cadets are selected by Air Force psychologists. The requirements established by the

psychologists are:
"He must have supreme finger dexterity. He must be calm under stress. He must be able to concentrate in crucial moments amid anti-aircraft fire. He must be able to make rapid calculations.

Brig. Gen. Isaiah Davies, Com-mandant of the school, described the bombardier as follows:

"His bombs make him the most dangerous man on earth. He is our anti-Japanese Sandman.

'There's Something About'

Camp Grant, Ill.—The order in which soldiers love things are listed as follows:

Private: 1. Himself, 2. Chewing gum, 3. Beer.

Private, First Class: 1. Himself, 2 Beer, 3. Stripes.

Corporal: 1. Stripes, 2. Himself,

Sergeant: 1. Himself, 2. Himself, 3. Himself.

about the article which appeared in last weeks issue of the Fog Horn. He is unable to send it home to his girl because there is incriminating evidence in it. Is it possible that he

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

Sat. and Sun., Jan. 9, 10:

THE FALCON AND HIS BRO-THER-George Sanders and Jane Randolph. Also Short Subjects.

Tues. and Wed., Jan. 12, 13:

THE FOREST RANGER - Fred MacMurray and Paulette Goddard. Also Short Subjects.

Thurs. and Fri., Jan. 14, 15: GENTLEMAN JIM-Errol Flynn

and Alexis Smith. Also Short Sub-

MORE BONDS FOR MORE BOMBS TO BUST THE BUMS

Serve in Silence

SPECIAL SERVICE

As the Only promotion this month in the School Detachment we want to extend our congratulations to former Tech. 4th grade Wendell K. Waite who has been made Staff Sergeant and enlisted head of the Surgical School.

Seems every week one of our Non-Coms leaves for Officers Candidate School. This week it is Tech. 4th Grade Robert M. Taliaferro, Jr., entrained for Fargo, North Dakota where he will take up the course in AAC . . . We feel certain he will make the grade and we wish him the best of luck.

AROUND THE TOWN . . .

Cpl. Henry O. Pezzella has decided "it's best to keep your shoes on, no matter where you might be, for then you won't lose them." This conclusion was drawn by "Hans" after his experience of several nights ago when his shoes walked away from the CLUB-sans their owner. Conjecture! Did his feet hurt him, so he took them off, or was it just a matter of "Happy New Year?"

Tech./4th Gr. John P. Halliwell dating an Ensign and seen at the Mark. Was she a WAVE or just a RIPPLE?

. . .

Cpl. Edwin Lanceit relaxing in the Hospital for a few days last week. There is another word for relaxingstrictly G. I .- gold bricking.

All students who helped with the very evident rush of business over the New Year Holidays have what amounts to practically official thanks from the NCO's in charge for the cooperation and the efforts put forth.

Miss Beth Veeley, ANC, spoke to the new students and the school detachment members Tuesday morning on her experiences in Bataan and Corregidor, and gave us all something to mull over in our minds when she explained all the hardships we might have to go through when we, too, are sent out in the

Enjoying what you have beats wishing for what you haven't.

He who would be wise must daily earn his wisdom.

OUR CAMERAMEN



Pvt. HAL BROWN

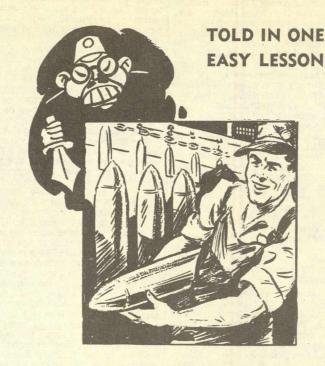
Newest of our cameramen being brought to light for the surveillance of John Q. Public is Private Hal Brown, recently civilian Brown of Roswell, New Mexico and now attached to the Presidio Signal Corps.

Born and raised in Waco, Texas, Brown moved to Roswell, New Mexico to enter the halls of higher learning at the New Mexico Military Institute with engineering in mind for the future. However music was the tempter and Brown soon forsook Math for Music and has plied his talents as an orchestra leader and player for a number of years. Becoming interested in photography as a hobby, Brown managed to let his enthusiasm run away with him, and the first thing he realized was the fact that Photography and Not Music had prior claims on his energies as a means of livelihood.

As a photographer, and he has specialized in the commercial and news end of photography, Brown has had interesting and often exciting experiences. One season he spent with Al G. Barnes Circus Company as photographer and another year was spent with Tom Mix as his publicity photographer. However Brown states that his greatest thrill was in taking pictures of the Dionne Quintuplets.

Brown's present position and hopes for the future should equal any experience he has had in civilian life, and we quote verbatim, "—came the War and I became 1-A and received the well known greetings, and here I am, in the Army—the most interesting assignment any photographer could ever have."

HOW TO BOMB TOKYO



Whether you use Bonds or Stamps for bombs, you hit Hirohito's hometown with the accuracy of a bombardier. That's all you need—no specialized training, not 20/20 vision—just walk up to the Chaplain's Office and make your pledge to BUY THOSE BONDS. Your purchases of U. S. War Bonds and Stamps mean bombs over Tokio—buy yours every pay day!



Sports Slants From Other Camps

The Second Air Force gridders of Spokane, Wash., captured the West Coast Army football title with a 26-13 victory over a hard fighting but outclassed March Field (Cal.) team recently. The champs closed the regular season with 10 victories, no defeats and 6-6 tie with Washington State.

The breakup of the Great Lakes gridders, hailed by sports writers as the nation's leading service team, got underway last week when Vic Marino, a guard of Ohio State, and Gene Ball, blocking back of Duquesne, were transferred to a gunnery school at Norfolk, Va.

PFC Ernie Derho, of Ft. Bliss, Tex., won the welterweight championship of the State of Texas recently when he took a clean-cut decision over Midget Mexico, former titleholder, in El Paso. After the fight Derho said, "The Texas State title is just going to be the stepping stone for me on my way to the world's crown!"

Holding down the left forward berth on the **Greenville Flying School (Miss.)** basketball team is **Pvt. Vernon Beard,** captain and three year veteran of Mississippi State College's cagers.

The nephew of former World's Champion James J. Corbett is now stationed at Ft. Bliss, Tex. His name is PFC Chesley S. Corbett and he bears a striking resemblance to his uncle, "Gentleman Jim."

Johnny Risko, the ex-Cleveland Baker Boy and Rubber Man, one of the most feared of all heavyweights, is attached to the 464th C.A. at Camp Davis, N. C.

Men stationed at the Cavalry Replacement Training Center, Ft. Riley, Kan., will be given the opportunity to take boxing lessons from the highest paid mitt thrower in the world—Joe Louis. CRTC officials have announced that Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow will be in charge of a program of boxing instruction to be made available to all interested military personnel.

Cpl. Gunnoa Botts got off an 80-yard punt for the Camp Pickett (Va.) Warriors in the last game of the season against the Roanoke All-Stars, which the soldiers copped 26-0.

Sgt. Ed Sheehan, who formerly played ball for the New York Giants, is stationed at Camp Chaffee, Ark. Outfielder Sheehan has also played with the International, Cotton States, the "3-I" and Piedmont leagues.

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Last Taps Sounded For Bearer of the Message to Garcia

Lieut. Col. Andrew Summers Rowan, United States Army, retired. who carried the message to Garcia, has joined the immortals.

After nearly five years as a patient here at Letterman General Hospital, the Colonel suffered a sinking spell on Saturday afternoon last and passed away calmly before dawn on Sunday morning.

Forty-five years ago Colonel Rowan was dispatched by President Mc-Kinley into the Cuban jungles to find General Calixte Garcia, leader of the Cuban rebellion against Spanish rule. His successful execution of the perilous mission was immortalized in Elbert Hubbard's "A Message to Garcia" and made Col. Rowan a living legend. The inspirational piece, written by Elbert Hubbard, was translated into most of the languages of the world and has had a steady sale right down to this date. For years every American school child has been told this story as an example of devotion to duty, and courage against obstacles.

Only recently the nation again recalled his exploit when Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark carried out in North Africa a similar mission

Col. Rowan was 41 years old at the time he was chosen for the mission

He had written a book on the topography of Cuba only a year before and was thoroughly familiar with the ground he had to traverse.

He carried no message for Garcia other than the spoken word that the United States had declared war on Spain and proposed to land troops in Cuba. The importance of his mission lay in the information he carried back from Garcia on the num-fighting in Cuba and the Philippines. Golden Gate from an aeroplane.



COL. ANDREW S. ROWAN Colonel Rowan as he appeared at the time he carried the message to Garcia.

bers, kinds and disposition of Spanish troops.

Official citations said that the information he brought back materially shortened the war.

Rowan landed on the hostile shore in a small sailing boat from Jamaica with no information as to the whereabouts of Garcia. In three weeks he found Garcia, crossed to the north coast of Cuba and sailed away in another small boat under the guns of a Spanish fort.

Little known was the fact that he subsequently was cited for gallant

He was 52 when he retired to a small home on Russian Hill in San Francisco, where he lived a quiet life of study and companionship with his wife, Mrs. Josephine Rowan, She survives him.

In keeping with Colonel Rowan's express wish, the services in connection with his funeral were strictly private and were held in Grace Cathedral where his old friend Dean Gresham read the last prayers. Following the services his remains were cremated and, at a later date, his ashes will be scattered over the

Volunteer Blood **Donors** Invited To List Names

To bring to the attention of all enlisted personnel and, particularly, those who have been assigned to this Command since May 29, 1942, Captain Lemuel R. Williams, Detachment Commander, announces that the voluntary blood donors list is still in effect. It was originally planned to assure an adequate supply of blood plasma for routine transfusion demands for patients, or any emergency which might arise. Any detachment member who wishes to volunteer may make application to be placed on this list by reporting to the Laboratory under Ward L-1 for blood typing at once.

Again, as during the last request for donors, the response has been commendable. Strangely enough, the first four men to comply with the request are from the two largest Bay cities, Oakland and San Francisco. California. These men completed the necessary blood typing in this order: Technician Fifth Grade Moon J. Lee and Private First Class John Haberstich of San Francisco, and Privates Lynn J. Gillard and Lewin S. Villa of Oakland.

At a hospital the size of Letterman, cases are always present which require transfusions of blood. Consequently, all types of blood must be available and at all times and in an unlimited amount. While hundreds have signed the blood donor list. hundreds more are necessary to insure that unlimited supply.

According to the Chief of Laboratory, Lt. Col. Gerson R. Biskind, the giving of a pint of blood will have no ill effects whatsoever on a person of normal health.

The long list of donors formed in May last year is expected to be exceeded this year.

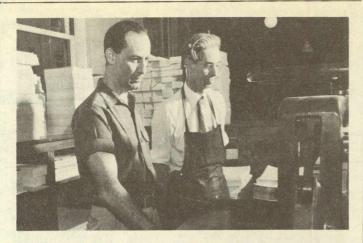
LETTERMAN IS PROUD OF ITS FULLY EQUIPPED PRINT SHOP

It has been said that "The pen is mightier than the sword," but right now no one is sure. At any rate, the Letterman General Hospital Print Shop is a reason to continue with some respect for this old adage inasmuch as, upon request, it will print the product of any official pen. The Shop is included in the local unit of the Quartermaster Corps; this unit being under the command of Lt. Colonel H. A. Stecker. Five Civil Service employees with Mr. John Davidson as Foreman and five enlisted men make up the staff. If you would know of their duties, read on.

The function of the Shop is to print almost all forms, letterheads, envelopes, as well as many of the regulations and orders required by the Ninth Service Command. The Shop is the only Army print shop located on the West Coast and, if the rumor that a new plant is to be established in Southern California is untrue, our Shop will continue its unique distinction. The Staff estimates that during the last three months of 1942, the handled over three million pieces of printed matter, with forms making up the bulk of the total. This may mean that red tape has at last been traced to its source, but it is further believed that for the first quarter of 1943 the toal will go to five million. At present, no single order for 100.000 letterheads, for instance, is enough to surprise any of the staff.

Fortunately, a number of forms used by the Army are standard and may be requisitioned directly from Washington, D. C. The envelopes, however, come with only the franking privilege imprinted, so return address for the various units of the Ninth Service Command must be printed before the envelopes are put in use.

All of which would indicate that an enlargement of the Shop is under consideration, but the staff will sadly shake its collective head when questioned on his point. The Army needs the nation's steel for equipment much more vital than Linotype machines and printing presses so the only alternative is to contract certain work to establishments "outside." One new and welcome addition to the shop, ordered before the WPB clamped down, is a slug-casting machine. A "slug" in this case, is the strip of metal that separates the lines you are reading as they lay on the press-bed. A point of interest



PRINT SHOP PAPER CUTTER

Mr. John C. Davidson, shop foreman, and Mrs. Charles

Quinliven checking on machine in motion.



PRINTING PRESS AT WORK

Left to right: Mr. Glen A. Whipple, T/5th Gr. Thomas F.

Howell, and Pvt. Mathew Celix standing by.



Mr. Ross P. Wells, smiling at his work, as he tosses the slugs from here to there.

is that the Shop has sufficient lead on hand for type while a nice priority number protects the paper supply.

Should a request for something in fancy colors come through, the shop is certain it could handle almost anything up to a reprint of "Custer's Last Stand." By blending yellow, blue and red, any color can be produced and through a special process, put on paper. The Christmas and Thanksgiving Day menu cards are examples of this work known to Detachment members.

Another interesting feature of the plant is the paper-cutter which slices through six inches of best bond with about the same speed the average "dogface" opens a letter from the girl-friend. Aside from speed, this machine can, when called upon, shave a strip off a stack of letterheads as narrow as a sheet of paper is thick.

Then we come to Ross Wells and his Linotype machine. When he sits down to work it is a sight to quicken the heart of the least mechanically-minded individual. Although his keyboard looks somewhat like that of a typewriter, upon closer examination you easily perceive that the capital letters are on the right, the lower case letters on the left, with the punctuation and various other choices so necessary to good publication, down the center. Ross runs his fingers lightly over the keys and a number of brass tags begin to assemble themselves in a tray to his left. When the tray is filled, one line of type is ready for casting. By pressing a lever. Wells is able to induce the tray to pass back into the 'innards' of the machine where the tag edges all come in contact with molten lead to produce "type." The type goes off in one direction to join the rest of the "column" and a long-armed crane descends from the top of the machine to pick up the tags as, sooner or later, they must go through the whole process again.

At this point, one is tempted to give the impression that our print shop is filled with thundering presses, grinding on hour after hour to meet the deadline, while brawny pressmen scream oaths at inkstained printer's devils to keep out of the way. But that wouldn't be fair. No sir, the LGH print shop caters not in the least to movie versions of pressroom atmosphere but, in the interest of the war effort.

UNFRIENDLY TARGETS MERE APPETIZERS TO CAPT. WUERTELE

"Hel-en-Wings!!" That is just what Captain Carl E. Wuertele, American Air Force, and now convalescing at Letterman, has proved to be to the enemy in the Pacific since the beginning of the war. And for the part he has played in the war effort. Captain Wuertele was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross last Monday, January 11, presented by Brigadier General Frank N. Weed, Commanding General, Letterman General Hospital. The citation was read by Colonel Clemens W. McMillen and is as follows:

"By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1926, a Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following named officer:

"CARL E. WUERTELE, Captain, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating in an air flight on August 24, and in a series of flights during the period from September 9 to October 25, inclusive. On August 24, 1942, Captain Wuertele piloted one of a flight of three airplanes which attacked an enemy carrier in the Solomon Islands area. The attack entailed a night return to home base during a heavy rainstorm. Although one airplane crashed in attempting to make the hazardous landing, Captain Wuertele landed his plane and crew safely. During the period September 9 to October 25, 1942, inclusive, Captain Wuertele flew twelve dangerous search and strike missions of over ten hours duration each, all of which entailed hazardous over-water flight and probable exposure to enemy fire."

Whereas the Captain claims that the credit is actually due the plane crew as a working unit, presentation of the Silver Star for gallantry, and twice honored with the Award of the Purple Heart for meritorious services against the enemy and for wounds received in action should indicate that he has earned the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Captain Wuertele claims that he merely controlled the ship, "The gunners take the brunt of every attack and, in turn, 'dish it out' themselves, and the radio operator and fire. navigator take us out and bring us



DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS The Commanding General, Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, pinning the Distinguished Flying Cross on the robe of Captain Carl E. Wuertele, Army Air Force, while Mrs. Wuertele wears an approving smile.

Captain Wuertele was born at St. Joseph, Missouri, January 18, 1914, but has lived most of his life in Denver, Colorado. He attended Colorado University for one year after graduating from Denver High School and then completed his college education at Wichita University, Wichita, Kansas. In April, 1939, he began his primary training for the Air Corps at Santa Maria, California, and he completed his formal flying education at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas, receiving his commission as 2nd Lieutenant March 23, 1940

Soon after graduation Captain Wuertele was sent to Hickam Field. During the Jap attack on that field he was awarded the Purple Heart for meritorious actions while under

And since that time it has been back," he said. His praise for the one solid year of action and adventhis island.

crew of his B-17 bomber was pro- ture for him. During the Midway battle his crew members were all awarded Silver Stars for gallantry in action-two 500 pound bomb direct hits were scored on a Jap plane carrier and his gunners shot down two zero fighters.

> Again old 'Hel-en-Wings" carried the Captain and his crew to victories over the Solomon area. On September 13th they sighted 5 Jap floattype Zero planes in one of the bays. and their concentrated machine gun fire accounted for four of them on the water and as the fifth rose to attack it, too, was sent crashing into the water as a result of that gun! fire.

As a result of cruising too long while on one of numerous "search missions" the gas ran low and the Captain was forced to set "Hel-en-Wings" down on one of the yet unfinished runways at Guadalcanal. He was the first man to land a B-17 on

The action which earned the Captain both the second Award of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, and Award of the Silver Star for gallantry in action is as follows: "for gallantry in action against the enemy on October 25, 1942. Captain Weurtele, as pilot of a heavy bombardment airplane, was proceeding on a routine search mission and had reached a point over Rekata Bay in the Solomons group, when he was attacked by two enemy fighter airplanes, both of which were shot down within ten minutes by the accurate fire of his gunners. Following this action. Captain Wuertele returned to Rekata Bay to attack two enemy cargo ships which had been sighted. Despite the fact that his craft was without a bomb load, he made run after run over the two ships at low altitude, his crew firing hundreds of rounds of armor piercing incendiary shells on each run over the targets, finally being rewarded by the sight of smoke pouring from one ship, and the other drifting helplessly on the water, apparently out of control with is control room plainly shattered. With ammunition and fuel running low, Captain Wuertele gained altitude for the return to home base, but in passing over an enemy sea-plane base at Rekata Bay, he was seriously wounded when heavy fire was encountered from shore batteries. With his foot almost severed at the ankle, and in severe pain, Captain Wuertele's only thought on the return journey to home base was for the welfare of his damaged plane and the safety of his crew.

"You know,' he mused, "if there is a better ship than a B-17, I'd like to see her. And our old 'Hel-en-Wings' was tops as far as I am concerned.

"She is a woman-and true to her sex-steadfast with a definite love of excitement. And as a woman, she likes to be dolled up. Often it takes action from a woman to get her finery-sometimes violence. Hel-en-Wings is no exception. There are seven Jap flags painted on her nose which breaks the monotony of her war dress. And, believe me, she fought to get them."

"Oh, yes," and the Captain smiled mischievously, "you probably wonder where I got the name 'Hel-en-Wings' for my ship. My wife's name is Helen."

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

THE ARMY HOUR

There's an old saw that the man from Missouri has to be shown. In this respect, all Americans are from Missouri, and not a bad thing, either.

One of the principal considerations leading to the development of "The Army Hour," the official radio program of the War Department, results from this national characteristic. This series of Sunday afternoon programs is showing the citizens of the United States, as well as its fighting forces, what the Army is all

American fighting men long since have learned the necessity for team play in waging war successfully. They have learned a practical meaning for coordination-not only coordinating the Army and the Navy and the Marine Corps, but just as important, the functions of the infantry, the artillery, the armored and air forc-The American soldier has learned from experiences that this is the way to real military

This idea of coordination, of knowing enough about the other fellow's job to be able to fit your own particular function into the pattern of efficient warfare, is also an important thing for civilians to understand.

The more they know of how soldiers must proceed to discharge their duties, the better can the folks back home assist them to succeed in their mili-

tary tasks.
"The Army Hour" is also heard by United States troops and it is valuable to each soldier to make the most of this with each fighting man's speand every other opportunity to cialty.



2nd Lieut. Marybelle K. Fraser, formerly one of our associates, back again for a quick look around and a chat with friends.

A new way to get a pain in the neck-following the arrows on the recently installed direction signs located here and there.

A tall, dark and handsome young officer wearing gold leaves and generous with the time he spends in the company of June Webb.

Staff Sgt. Wiley Dunn up from the cellar briefly to borrow some gum from a friend who has a cache of the precious chicle.

Pvt. Wally Alvarez's poem "The Harvest" rating the principal illustration on artist Giacomo Patri's page in the "Chronicle" of Sunday last.

A crowd around the bed of "Buddy" Baer on K-2 listening to a verbal message from Ross Newlands of the A. P. sports service.

Some changes taking place as the result of the re-organization of the Army Nurse Corps.

T/Sgt. Herbert Ligier preferring to remain on duty rather than wearing a suit of red around a ward.

Lots of people getting information from the Tax Experts in Room 202 this week.

Bing Crosby likes the one about the elevator operator who has told thousands of women where to get

broaden his grasp of military operations beyond the field of his own specialized training. If he is in the Infantry, he can, by extending himself only a little, gain a useful working knowledge of the operation of artillery units, or air support, or mechanized and armored forces. This is one of the beneficial effects of maneuvers. The infantryman sees tank destroyers in action, becomes accustomed to the roar of planes overhead, runs up against "enemy" paratroops. To a lesser extent, "The Army Hour" tends to increase this familiarity with operations associated



Last week brought the arrival of an energetic nurse who, although she has had an interesting career, maintains her receptiveness to new scenes and people. 2nd Lt. Dorothy S. Underwood was born and reared in Bloomington, Indiana, and acquired her training at the City Hospital in Indianapolis where she graduated in 1930. Miss Underwood then did general nursing, engaged in Public Health service and subsequently in itinerant service for the Red Cross until she entered the Army on July 1, 1941, at which time she was stationed at Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Miss Underwood then went into foreign service, and has just returned, having been away a year. A memory that will be long retained is the All-American Thanksgiving day dinner in the land "downunder."

Miss Marion L. Lamoreau calls Presque Isle, Maine, her home. Having finished high school, Miss Lamoreau left Presque Isle to attend Nurses' Training at Eastern Maine General Hospital, at Bangor, Maine where she graduated in 1937, going to nursing and general duty at the Boston Lying-In Hospital. She was the first nurse from this hospital to enter the Service-February 2, 1942. As 2nd Lt., Miss Lamoreau went into foreign service, from which she has just returned.

Miss Celia L. Ohlson was born in Carthage, South Dakota. She attended high school in Argonne, after which she went on to Nurses' Training at Huron, South Dakota, graduating in 1931. Miss Ohlson then did general and private duty and, in 1932, took a post-graduate course at the City Hospital in Chicago, specializing in pediatrics. Since 1936 Miss Ohlson has been doing private duty in San Francisco until January 10th when Miss Ohlson entered the Army Nurse Corps as a 2nd Lt.

Miss Betty J. McAweeney was born in Springfield, Illinois, and attended high school in Manteca, California from which she graduated in tried her hand as a career girl, doing bitious one for a girl.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, January 17, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

WEDDING BELLS

The bonds of matrimony are to be welded this evening at the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul when Sergeant Douglas L. Gabb, of our Medical Detachment, and Miss Rose Buonocore pronounce the vows which will make them husband and wife

Miss Buonocore will have Miss Esther Espinosa as her bride's maid and Misses Josephine Marsala and Agnes Nunziata as her attendants. The groom will be accompanied by Mr. Frank Buonocore as best man and Sgt. Anthony Travino and Corporal Harry Thomas will serve as

A reception will follow the wedding ceremonies.

Laff of the Week-

Moore Field, Tex.-Little by little, Pvt. J. Little and Pvt. J. Tittle of this post are causing no end of confusion. At roll call Little answers for Tittle and Tittle for Little. At mail call Tittle gets Little's mail and Little Tittle's. The mixup even reached the G. I. laundry. Pvt. Tittle was last seen wearing a uniform two sizes too large. It later developed that Little's clothes had been issued to Tittle who happens to be a little littler than Little.

Jack Benny says Jap soldiers who are so cool under fire, that they actually shiver.

secretarial work, and gave this up to go into training at the Children's Hospital in San Francisco. She continued her training at the San Joaquin General Hospital and graduated in 1939. Miss McAweeney came to Letterman as a civilian nurse on December 26, 1942 and took her A. 1934, then going on to Modesto N. C. oath January 12th. Hunting is Junior College. Miss McAweeney her favorite sport and quite an am-

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Private LEWIN S. VILLA

An unusual personality is Private Lewin S. Villa, who was born in South Bend, Washington on July 25, 1914. Pleasant, yet aggressive, with plenty of initiative, Pvt. Villa has had an interesting and successful career for a young man.

At the age of seven, he moved with his family to Seattle where Lewin attended school and then, five years later, the family moved back to South Bend where our buck graduated from grammar and high school. After varied work in Washington he came to California in 1936 and went to work for a large department store in San Jose as an appliance salesman and from there to manufacturing company from whence he was transferred to Oakland as a wholesale salesman covering Oakland and San Francisco.

Continuing up the ladder, Villa went into the retail business in Oakland and was eventually made a partner in Gross Bros. Furniture Company there. Along the way our private met and won Miss Emily Lanini of San Jose. They were married on April 4, 1937.

Villa enlisted in San Francisco. even though classified as 3-A. and was sent to Monterey and from there assigned to Letterman. He is working in the PX Main Office and likes his work inasmuch as he is familiar with merchandising.

He played basketball and baseballl in school; was adept at the pole vault; has a black cocker spaniel named Tony; has been an inveterate and enthusiastic trout fishermanwading up and down many of the streams of Washington and Oregon since he was six years old. In short his hobbies are many and varied. and his interest in them keen.

His ambition is to help win the war, then get back in the retail furniture business.

Serve in Silence

Spitalny May Be Henpecked at Home—But ON THE SPOT Bosses 29 Women at Work—If That's Work

NEW YORK-Phil Spitalny, director of the "Hour of Charm (NBC) getting along with women than any other man in America.

A sweeping statement? Well, for the last seven years, twenty-nine girls of assorted sizes, shapes and colorings to say nothing of temperaments, have earned their livelihoods working for him. And he tells them what to play and sing, how it shall sound, when they rehearse and even what they will wear.

Yes, Spitalny chooses the dresses the girls in his orchestra wear for their Sunday night broadcasts and theater appearances-AND-the girls haven't a thing to say about it.

He has the dressmaker, who is sworn to secrecy, come in and take measurements. Then he hands out the gowns with name tapes sewn inside. The girls take them and like

Evelyn, concert mistress of the orchestra, says that at first Spitalny tried asking the girls what they would like. But it didn't work. No two of the twenty-nine ever voted for the same type of dress.

"I'm the boss," says Spitalny, "I'm the fellow who makes out the checks at the end of the week, who picks the selections we are going to play and sing, the one who conducts the rehearsals. But in most instances the girls in the orchestra run their own organization."

Fourteen of the original 22 members of the "Hour of Charm" are all-girl orchestra, knows more about still with the troupe, so the maestro must know what he is doing. The girls have their own governing committee, with Evelyn, chairman, This committee has hearings on grievances, which generally occur when the orchestra is on tour. The hearings have resulted in a number of set rulings from which there can be no

> There are no borrowings of "those best nylon stockings" or any other wearing apparel. Once in awhile one girl will let another take a piece of costume jewelry but that's all. And occasionally the whole group goes feminine and gets into a real jam, like the time there was a reception awaiting them at the Los Angeles railroad station and the whole troupe followed the leader and got off in Pasadena where nary a soul greet-

But for the most part everything goes smoothly, and Spitalny's only worry these days is romance. After last year's tours of service camps, three of his girls married-a soldier, a sailor and a marine. And 'the "Hour of Charm" plans extensive tours again this year.

Phil Spitalny knows his women all right, but he still has a rival. And the rival is Dan Cupid-in a uni-

Serve in Silence

War Wedding Worked Wonders For 'I Was Know'd as Jim Jordan in Those Days'

Jim Jordan.

Anyway, that's what their names were back in 1918. Today they're known to millions as Fibber McGee and Molly. Fibber had just received the World War I equivalent of a 1-A. He had five days before induction.

The world was embroiled in grim combat. The future looked mighty uncertain. But Marian and Jim knew they were meant for each other. They had two big assets-love and courage. Together they could go a long way.

All those doubts they had look a bit silly now-twenty-four years later. Both were nervous when they walked up the aisle of St. John's Church in Peoria, Ill. Today, Jim,

HOLLYWOOD-Are war mar- Jr., is in the Air Force and Fibber riages successful? Ask Hollywood's and Molly are acting as "Pop" and happiest couple-Marian Driscoll and "Mom" to hundreds of cadets and enlisted men.

> Fibber and Molly have been inseparable except for the brief period when he was serving in the Army. They work together, go home together, and take their vacations together. It's hard to realize that Molly was a war bride who wondered whether it was wise to get married during a world upheaval.

> Both are looking forward to celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this summer. Fibber sometimes teases Molly with memories about the times they almost called the whole thing off. Molly shudders every time he mentions it: "Tain't funny, McGee."

> > ·Serve in Silence



Pvt. VINCENT R. CASERTA Military Police Corps

A native Californian is Private Vincent Caserta of the Military Po-

Confined at Letterman for a stomach condition which is rapidly improving, Caserta has high praise for the excellent care afforded him. Speaking of this, he feels that credit should be given where due and says about Letterman General Hospital, "I don't believe there can be a hospital in the world that can give better care. I was feeling very poorly when I came here but thanks to superlative care by Medical Officers, Nurses and Corpsmen, I feel fine once again."

Veteran of twenty-two months in the Army, Caserta spent one year of this time with a tank destroyer battalion and relates that his first big thrill came when he helped fire seventy-five millimeter guns.

Later sent to Fort Ord for six weeks of rigid M. P. training, and from there assigned to his present station, Caserta likes his work and duties, which have to do with antisabotage defense. These duties are confined to waterfront activities and the supervision of loading of munitions, planes, equipment of all kinds and also troops. This branch is a separate and complete system by itself and, although Private Caserta is unable to relate any details, he states that the fact there have been no major incidents or accidents to make the headlines is in itself a tribute to the efficiency of this service.

A jeweler in civilian life, and married to the former Miss Florence Jensen of San Francisco on August 2, 1941, Caserta is going bak into the manufacturing end of this business at the end of the war.

He likes fishing, any and all kinds, is very much of a fan for football, baseball and boxing, and right now is eager to get back to active duty. A pleasant personality and a good soldier is Private Caserta.

A welcome is extended Privates John J. Pecil, James P. Petrinovich, Jerome G. Vitetta, and Julio J. Ju-

Good luck to the following men who left the detachment:

Sergeants Alvan R. Cummings, Malcolm Foster, Walter W. Ross and Stanley I. Shore; Corporal Edward J. Kall; Technician Fifth Grade Domingo Diaz; and Privates Nels L. Allison, Vincent L. Barnes, Stanley G. Davies and Kimmel R. Parsons.

. . .

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West smoking nothing but the best in cigars-"LGH Specials."

Pvt. Henry Kraft of the M. P.'s planning to get married and refusing to divulge particulars.

Pvt. 1cl. L. Gene Buettner, like many others, literally wading through piles of baggage and still ambitious enough to indulge in some football scrimmage and then a dance. Some energy.

S/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., back on a full 52 hour a week working schedule and planning to ask time-and-ahalf for overtime.

1st Sgt. Calvin Williams being dissuaded from having lunch at the PX by Sergeant Shamrock, who issued a personal invitation to the 1st Sgt. to partake of the excellent G.I. menu that day-and the 1st Sgt., with characteristic decisiveness, promptly accepting the offer.

Pvt. James Lewis claiming to be a little too young for "Courtin"."

Pvt. Joseph Lopez taking in the wedding of a friend and taking on the bounteous food provided for the guests. Watch that waistline, Joseph.

The lawns, garden and floors of the S/Sgt. T. R. Bell residence looking better than they ever did since Sgt. Bell "works" on his Sunday off.

S/Sgt. Henry P. Smith of Charge of Quarters having a busy time of it these days of transient activity and keeping a pleasant disposition in the face of added duties.

Corporal Lou Slott finally increasing his bond deduction to a bond a month after patient months preparing to make that goal.

Serve in Silence

STAFF SERGEANT McCREARY WAS WITH CONTINGENT OF FIRST ARMY TROOPS TO PUSH JAPS BACK AT GUADALCANAL

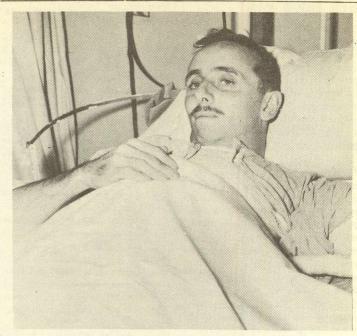
Bringing back from primitive Guadalcanal a vivid recollection of violent and terrific action as well as a graphic description of the island itself, Staff Sergeant Lyndin G. Mc-Creary, now on the mend from wounds received there, was with the first Army troops to set foot on that hot, steaming jungle battle ground.

While in the process of landing that first day the Army forces were shelled for eight hours by a Jap cruiser and Jap artillery but the aim of the enemy was very poor and there was no damage done and no casualties inflicted. Like all the other gallant veterans of this island engagement, the Sergeant had very little sleep because of the imminent threat of prowling Japs with bavonets who used the protective cloak of night jungle noises to mask their stealthy nocturnal forays.

Engaged for a little over three weeks in almost continuous combat with the exception of occasions when it was quiet on the front lines, the unit, to which the Sergeant belonged, many times had to hack their way through thick jungle and vegetation with sabres and machetes in the continuous process of rolling the Japs ever backward, sometimes into the bay itself, where, even then, the enemy fought with savage fury.

The action was continually hampered by frequent and torrential downpours of tropical rainfall which is mainly responsible for the dense vegetation. Even in so-called clearings, there is a giant growth of jungle grass with thick stalks and large, wide leaves where occasional poisonous snakes may be found. Many non-poisonous lizards, about two feet in length with necks from four to six inches are found to be confusing as they are continually slithering through the jungle and the noise is often mistaken for stealthy Japs.

One night a Jap force attacked the main line which had positions that had been dug in with barbed wire in front. They came over on the run with a Jap officer leading the attack and waving a large sabre, all yelling and shouting in Japanese, "Blood for the Emperor." The object of this noisy attack, our forces soon found out, was to disconcert sufficiently to allow Jap infiltrators to slip through the lines to set up sniping activities. This attack was repulsed and large casualties were inflicted on the enemy. A few snip- movement. These streams are of well testify.



Staff Sgt. LYNDEN G. McCREARY Infantry, Unassigned

ers got through the lines, however, but their aim generally was very poor and they were soon mopped up the next day.

The action in which Sergeant Mc-Creary was engaged soon changed from a defensive action to one of offense and was successful. The Sergeant noted several peculiarities of the enemy. One of these was the smoking of cigarettes in the front lines at night and another was the number of Jap troops who carried no weapons other than hand grenades. Then again, Jap attacking forces did not hesitate to crawl over the dead bodies of their comrades in their fanatical zeal. To be able to carry a sabre is considered quite a distinction by enemy soldiers and this privilege seems to be confined to officers and a few non-commissioned officers. The weapon is very highly polished, sometimes with varied jewel settings and is from three to three and a half feet long.

Huge flocks of beautiful white parrots continually flutter about the island and there is a plenitude of other bird life. Crocodiles, small and about three feet long, seem to be fairly numerous and upon approaching their basking ground, they lunge and splash into the crystal clear streams with an eerie, startling

running water and comprise the water supply. They are not very deep and are inhabited by fish which are caught and eaten by the natives on the island. Sometimes it is possible to wade the streams, hip-deep.

The natives, relates S/Sgt. Mc-Creary, are colored and almost every one is large and husky. They are very friendly to the American forces and do not like the Japs.

It was on October the sixth that Sergeant McCreary was hit by machine gun fire in a close-range exchange. He sustained a compound fracture of the left arm and was also wounded in the right thigh. Unable to walk, he was quickly taken care of by the Medical Corps and sent out immediately by transport plane to one of those South Sea Islands, hospitilization and from there came to Letterman, where he is now to be found in Ward D-1.

Inducted into the Army on February tenth, 1941, Sergeant Mc-Creary has had quite an Army career which began at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana and extended to gory Guadalcanal. His home is in Carrington, North Dakota, and although we do not know for sure, we suspect that the fighting Sergeant is looking forward to seeing his folks on a furlough which he has earned, suddenness suggestive of enemy as enemy Japs on Guadalcanal may

Lt. Col. Swanson, Old Lettermanite, Back for a Visit

Lieutenant Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, Medical Corps, paid a visit to Letterman during the past week to renew old acquaintances and have a brief glimpse at the surroundings once familiar to him when he served here as assistant to the Chief of the Medical Service, and prior to that he was Ward Officer on Ward "G."

Colonel Swanson, despite his name, might be called a native son on the basis of long residence in San Fran- or grandchild may be given an and was for several years in the Army Transport Service with station at Fort Mason.

officer of an evacuation hospital located somewhere in the United States.



To T/5th Grade and Mrs. Charles Betz, a daughter, Darlene Marie Betz, born January 6, weight eight pounds, three ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Alton L. Sanford, a daughter, Nancy Ailene Sanford, born January 8, 1943, weight eight pounds, ten ounces. . . .

To Captain and Mrs. John S. Carroll, a son, James Patrick Carroll, born January 10, weight seven pounds, twelve ounces. . . .

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Edgar M. Larsen, a son, Michael Edgar Larsen, born January 11, weight six pounds, four ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. William P. Gernand, a son, John Byron Gernand, born January 11, weight five pounds, two ounces.

Edgar Bergen chastised Charlie McCarthy for bad manners at mess when they visited an Army Camp recently. "Stop reaching, Charlie," said Edgar, "Haven't you got a tongue?" "Sure," replied Charlie, "but my arms are longer."

The Inquiring Line—

Q. I saw a WAAC wearing a sergeant's chevrons the other day. Is her title a "sergeant" in the WAAC?

A. No. A WAAC three-striper is known as a "Leader." That's equivalent to the rank of sergeant in the Army.

Q. Is the deductible allotment made by the serviceman for dependents compulsory.

A. The deduction is compulsory in class A (a wife and child) but in class B (parents, brother, sis-ter or grandchild) it is voluntary. That is, a parent, brother, sister cisco. He is a graduate of the Uni- allowance only if you agree to the versity of California Medical School deduction from your pay for this

> Q. Is Tulagi near Tebourba in Tunisia?

The Colonel is now commanding your geography mixed up a bit. Tulagi is a small island near Guadalcanal in the Solomons.

> Q. Is it compulsory that a serviceman take out the life insurance offered by the Government?

A. No. It is optional with a serviceman as to whether he takes the insurance. He may take out the insurance within 120 days of his induction without a medical exam, but after this period another medical exam is necessary. It is offered as a matter of good business and sound protection to the serviceman and his depen-

Q. Who creates a new military

medal of honor-Congress or the President?

A. Medals of military honor and merit are created by act of Congress. The medal may be a permanent decoration, conferred on all men performing acts of bravery or heroism, as prescribed in the act, or Congress may, by medal for a particular medal for a particular person for a particular act of heroism. It holds the same status of any private hill The President may or vate bill. The President may order the "striking of a new medal" for award for distinguished service, which is given the same military recognition as one cre-ated by act of Congress.

honorable discharge as a soldier in World War I?

A. A bronze button, with a star and "U.S." in center of star, and a laurel victory wreath entwined about the star. If the star is silver, it denotes "wounded in action."

Q. I see a good many soldiers wearing a lemon-colored service bar. What does it represent?

A. The lemon-colored bar with pin stripes at each end denotes that the soldier wearing it was in fore the big day. active service before Pearl Harbor, or Dec. 8, 1941. A small star on the bar denotes that the wearer has been in one of the major engagements — Bataan, Corregidor, blankets. What do they say about Coral Sea, or Midway Island bat-



The Detachment is happy to learn that Tech. 4th Fred Hartzell, who has been in the Hospital for the past two weeks, has greatly improved and should be back on duty soon. He's had a hard time of it with all of his operations but the road to recovery is beginning to look shorter now.

S/Sgt. Ben T. Shedoudy and S/Sgt. Nathan Edelstein on one of their visits to the Zoo . . . relatives may-Q. What insignia designates an be, or just what prompts the veil of secrecy?

> The looks of frustration on many of the boys' faces last week when they were unable to get in to the Stokowski Symphony in the city after standing in the crush for several hours

> Disgruntled T/5 George Choate sorting out the post Christmas rush of mail. Seems George had more packages this week than he did be-

> Sgt. John Shea "pulling a Stone" by using his overcoat to keep off the Calif. blasts instead of the usual G.I. Calif. cold? That can't be a heavy mist too!

> Following the CRASH in the Lab. School T/4 Frank Seaburn was seen around the Post sporting two bandaged fingers. A sort of V for Victory. Anyway, warning to others-'too many fingers in the pie!'

Inspection

We scrub and dust and sweep and mop:

We clean all week without a stop; On Saturdays, we do it twice, We make it OH! so very nice. We talk of things, I will not men-

Till someone shouts aloud "Attention!'

The colonel's come here to inspect.

We all stand up straight and erect. As we stiffly stand beside our beds, There is no movement of our

heads. For dirt, the colonel has a lust-He proudly finds a speck of dust. We cleaned all week, to no avail; The weekly inspection, we boys did fail.

We'll clean again, I guess we must Cause the colonel found a speck of dust.

> Cpl. Jack Newman Ward 55, at Station Hospital, Camp Butner, N. C.



Sports Slants Other Camps

Tommy Hughes, who pitched 400 ball for the Philadelphia Phils during the 1942 season, was inducted into the Army last week at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Hughes, a righthander, won 12 and lost 18 last season.

The City College of New York basketeers, coached by Nat Hol-man, avenged a 51-0 football trouncing by Ft. Totten, N. Y., by defeating the soldiers 67-42 of the Beavers' home court last week. City College held a halftime lead of 38-18. High scorer for the the winners was Finestone with 21 points. Fullam, Ft. Totten center, led for the losers with 16.

Dr. Mal Stevens, former head football coach at Yale and New York Universities, was sworn into the U. S. Navy Medical Corps as a Lieutenant Commander last week. Dr. Stevens took the oath from Lt. Gordon Brown, student manager of one of the Yale football teams coached by Stevens.

The Camp Grant (III.) Warriors with an All-American line-up of former college basketball stars scalped the Ft. Sheridan (III.) hoopsters last week, 58-39. Her-brechtsmeir, former Iowa State Teachers flash, gathered 12 points; Hogan, former Loyola court wizard, counted 10 points; Frivaldsky Baylor star, marked 11; and Szkukala of DePaul registered another 10 to lead in the scalp treatment

Harold Gower, well - known jockey, has entered the Army and is now stationed at Ft. Eustis, Va. After completing his basic training, Pvt. Gower hopes to be transferred to a cavalry unit.

Sgt. John Murphy, nationally known bowler and one time holder of the all-events title of the American Bowling Congress, is stationed at Camp Clarabella, Fla. Prior to entering the Army in April, '42, Murphy was a bowling instructor in Indianapolis:

Al Coccozo, 200-pound socker from the Medical Replacement Training Center, Camp Pickett, Va.; outpointed Bill Jochman, Engineer and former heavyweight champ of Camp Polk, La., in the main go of the boxing show held recently in the Field House at Camp Pickett

Max Loefler, Fordham U. basketball star, is now shooting for "gold bars" at the Officer Candidate School, Camp Davis, N. C. As key man on the Ram five for two years, Loefler ranked high in na-tional scoring honors before his enlistment in the Army.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

The drive to secure enrollment of ninety per cent of civilian employees in the War Bond Campaign continues to move forward and it is hoped that many civilians who were waiting for the first of the year to sign up, will keep our percentage climbing. The following civilians have recently added to the growing totals.

Donna Rae Cannon Genevieve Schmuhl Thomas Schmitz Haxel M. Bradburn

Lucile A. Glover Mary S. Jacobs Fermin F. Hipolito

ARMY NURSE CORPS BOND AUTHORIZATIONS

The following Nurses, Members of the Army Nurse Corps, recently added their names to the growing number now authorizing payroll deduction for War Bond purposes.

1st Lt. Edith Heinrich 2nd Lt. June Winegar 2nd Lt. Rebecca Hoover 1st Lt. Gladys Crosno 2nd Lt. Celia Ohlson 2nd Lt. Betty McAweeney

JOHN McLAREN, CREATOR OF GOLDEN GATE PARK, CLOSES USEFUL LIFE

Francisco this week in mourning the passing of the beloved John Mc-Laren, the man who made Golden Gate Park out of nothing, and brought it to the forefront of the beautiful public parks of the nation.

During the period of over seventy years he served as the continuing creator of the Golden Gate Park he advanced in knowledge concerning advice. the flowers and trees of all coun-

The personnel of Letterman Hos- ever ready to share in the solution

Visitors to the military reservation follows:

pital joined with the citizens of San of problems associated with horticulture and landscaping. More than once during his long tenure he responded to appeals from the Presidio and Letterman personnel who were faced with the project of adding to the natural beauties of the reservation. It was beyond his routine field called on to give generously of his the whole week.

Keglers Connect And Cop All Three Matches in Opener

With the resumption of play in the 875 league at the Broadway-Van Ness Bowl, after a two weeks' layoff, the Letterman Bowling team annexed three straight games from the Reichlins Service Stations to start the new year right.

Sergeant Henry Kuntz was high bowler for the evening with a 559 triple, starting out fairly well in the first game, falling back a bit in the second, and rolling them over for a smashing 240 last game.

Corporal Frank Marano was second high with a 553 triple, with one game in the two hundred bracket.

Sergeant Wilcox was third high with a 542 series, also with one game in the two hundreds. Sgt. Yohe was fourth with a 529, and Sergeant Mottier was last with a 510, also getting a two hundred game.

Thursday night Sergeant Yohe was high bowler at the Broadway-Van Ness Alleys for the day, which entitles him a chance for a twenty-five dollar war bond at the end of the month, provided his name is drawn from the hat. The high bowler every day has a chance at the end of the month for the bond. Not very long ago Sergeant Cummings was the lucky man when they drew his name out of the hat and he won the bond. of duty yet he never failed when His score of 245 remained high for

The results of the games are as

TARREST DAME	N A WOW	at .			
Farone	162	171	180	513	
Reichline	199	140	174	513	
Sands	182	175	155	512	
Eisenzpox	195	170	162	527	
Delucchi	132	172	172	496	
The state of the					
Totals	870	828	843	2541	
LETTERMAN HOSPITAL					
Kuntz	177	142	240	559	
Yohe				529	
Marano					
Wilcox	169	202	171	542	
Mottier	213	154	143	510	
The second second	-			-	
Totals	1.00				
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Serve in Silence					

admire the shrubs, trees, and plants all over the area would never know that John McLaren had a hand in the finished work.

He lived for his park and in his park he will continue to live to be thanked by generations yet unborn.



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Moving Day at LGH Results in Shift Of Five Officers

It was Lieutenant "Jim" Geiger who supplied the key phrase for this story when he remarked in the Mess that "they seem to have the range on this place." "They" being in this instance the master minds who direct the moves of the pawns in this game of war.

That we have not here a lasting city has been known to all for a long time and it is only a question of when the time will come to move. The time has come for a quintette of our staff to pick up their chips but they will not travel en masse to their new stations. Rather they will fan out and go in all directions to continue their mission of caring for the sick and wounded.

Number one to get moving orders was Major Wilson T. Smith, Executive Officer to the Chief of the Medical Service, who will have, Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa, as his address for the immediate future. "Ted" is a native of Iloa, Texas, and attended the University and later went to Baylor for his degree in Medicine. He interned at Jefferson Davis and the Baptist Memorial Hospitals at Houston, Texas, before he was commissioned in the Regular Army on December 10, 1932.

His military career covered service at Ft. Sam Houston, Carlisle Barracks, Ft. Riley, Ft. Knox, and the Army Medical School, prior to a tour at Schofield Barracks. He came to Letterman from Oahu in June 1941, In 1936 Major Smith married Adrienne Thomas, an Army junior, and they have two children -Dienne and Gwynne. The double "n's" are all on the mother's side.

The next turn of the wheel of fortune disclosed the needle stopping



WILSON T. SMITH Major, Medical Corps

Calloway, who heads to the northwest for his new station at McCaw General Hospital, Walla Walla, Washington. He is another Texanwhence so many good men hailand after taking his academis degree at Southern Methodist University he went to Northwestern for his medical course.

Major Calloway was commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve in June, 1933, and had a year of active duty with the CCC before assuming private practice. In 1940 he was again ordered to active duty and stationed at Letterman where he remained until this week.

This command was still the target and the next casualty was Captain at the name of Major James Willis destination. "Dewey" is a native of Therapy activity.

Connecticut, and, of course, a Yale man in medicine. He interned at the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia and then took off for the wide open spaces of Wyoming for practice with Cody as the base of operations-no pun.

Captain Dominick reported for duty here at Letterman on September 1, 1941, and during his tour in our midst he proved himself to be one of the most popular officers on the staff both with his associates and the patients in general.

Others leaving here for new stations are Captain Glen E. Hause and Captain George H. Derieux, both of the Medical Corps. The former joined station here in August and work-DeWitt Dominick, the able executive ed on the Communicable Diseases to the Chief of the Surgical Service, section while the latter came in Ocwho moves on to an unpublished tober and has been with the Fever

The Army Emergency Relief Will Bridge **Delayed Allotments**

Pending the completion of the organization of the Office of Dependency Benefits, which has recently been created at Newark, New Jersev, there will be unavoidable delays in processing applications for family allowances and allotments and in dispatching of checks.

This is a matter of grave concern to the War Department and every effort must be made to avoid hardships resulting to families of enlisted men because of delays in the receipt of checks. These delays have recently been the subjet of criticism in the public press. Typical of these comments which express the view of the general public is this editorial, which appeared in the Washington Post, Monday, December 28, 1942:

"A problem in home management is besetting the wives of servicemen unable to meet bills because their allotment checks have been delayed. And, all things considered, it would seem to be the better part of patriotism and fair business for creditors to recognize this fact. Stories have come to our attention of badgering which amounts to bullying by bill collectors. This has been equally true in cases of sailors' wives and colonels' ladies. Surely such procedure is no help to any woman bearing sole responsibility for home and children while her husband is away, nor for her husband on duty. Of course, the process of sending allotment checks should be smoothed out soon to insure their more regular arrival. Just now, however, the work of the Army and Navy allotment divisions is increasing at high speed. This situation and the reorganizations necessitated by the Army division's move to New York and the Navy division's move to Cleveland are making for delays. Until adjust-

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WHAT IS... AND ISN'T... GOOD CONVERSATION FROM ARMY VIEW

Talks on security are given periodically by Army commanders during the training periods of units. The War Department publishes herewith material from one of these talks in the belief that the subject of security is of vital cocern to the public as well as to the Army.

On the day that we donned the uniform of the United States Army we began to learn things about the Army, things that Hitler and Hirohito would like to know to aid them in attacking our country, our families, our cities, our homes, our farms, and ourselves. Every day since then we have been entrusted with information, and we will continue to be entrusted with more and more information so long as we are privileged to wear the uniform. And the more we learn, the more the agents of Hitler and Hirohito can get out of us; that is, only if they are smarter than we are. Every bit of military information is of value to the enemy, no matter how small.

These truths appear to be selfevident. Even so, every day on buses, on trains, in bars, and in the living rooms of our finest homes, seemingly unimportant bits of information reach enemy agents by some of us who don't mean to tell.

There are three methods of stopping this leakage of information: retribution, punishment, and security education. The man who was drowned with his buddies, because he revealed the sailing date of his ship and convoy, certainly paid the price of talking too much. That was retribution. Punishing him for his talking would not have stopped the torpedoing of his ship, because the harm had been done. Security education appears to be the best means of stopping leaks.

What then are the causes of indiscretion? Why is it that so much information is being given away all over the country at this very minute? There are four causes. They

Conceit.

Faith

Enthusiasm.

Ignorance

You will notice that treachery has been left out. That is because the number of traitors is fortunately very small. This is not intended for those who are betraying their counbetraying it unwittingly, but are be- hint at its existence.



DECORATION in use at one station where a soldier is heard talking too freely.

traying it just the same. If enemy agents had to depend solely on traitors for their information, they would probably have a lean time for it is a tragic fact that the majority of what they learn is given to them by those people whose patriotism is beyond question.

CONCEIT

Conceit is the most common cause of leakage. Ninety per cent of indiscretions are the result of it, and 99 per cent of us are vulnerable to it.

Why do we boast? Most of us to impress a woman. That is understandable enough. Everyone tends to "hand out a line" when out with a girl. There is little harm in it, and providing you leave the service out of it, you can go ahead. The Army really isn't too much concerned about the fact that a corporal is able to persuade his girl that he not easily fooled. We forget that an gave up \$50,000 a year when he joined the Army or that he would have been a senator if it hadn't been for the war, as long as his "line" doesn't include service matters.

We may be on secret duties. If that is so, we must remember that these are the Army's secrets, and that we have no right to share them with anyone.

There will always be a temptation to boast when you know a lot more than the other people you are with. It is admittedly very hard to pretend you know nothing when in point of fact you know everything; and in order to try to satisfy your conceit without giving much away, you may find yourself just hinting at all you know. That is fatal. If a

that it is so contagious. A man boasts to his girl friend of what he is doing just to impress her, and she in her turn boasts to all of her friends about the importance of her boy friend just to impress them. It becomes a vicious circle with everybody trying to outdo everybody else in the magnitude of the secret information which they can impart.

No one is easier to "pump" than the man who is "handing out a line." It is only necessary to pretend not to believe him, and he will get so indignant that he spills a lot more; or to pretend to be lost in admiration of him, and he will get so pleased with himself that he will keep right on talking.

A lot of people today are worried about their war effort. They feel they are not pulling their weight, or else they worry because they believe that other people may think them slackers. And so they talk a lot about their work in order to convince people that they really are doing their bit, and if they are on anything secret they talk about it all the

FAITH

As a nation we are too ready to trust our fellowmen, and to believe too implicitly in the safety of such national institutions as the United States mail and the telephone and telegraph services, all of which can be utilized to advantage by enemy

Most of us consider that we are pretty good judges of character and enemy agent, if he is to be successful and avoid a firing squad, must be such a plausible and convincing person that no one suspects him, least of all those who pride themselves in being good judges of character. In other words, he will look exactly like what he isn't: a typical American with an honest face, who knows as much about the Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers as we do.

We should always put ourselves in the place of an enemy agent. Consider how one of the Axis agents would do his job. First, we should ask ourselves what we could learn from the conversation that is going on in the bar, club, or railroad station, or the information that is given in a letter. When we learn to adopt try willfully; it is for those who are thing is secret, you must not even this outlook, we will not only be careful to keep our mouths shut, we

The trouble about this boasting is | will also want to make other people shut theirs.

> But what about the faith you have in your friends and relatives; in your mother and father, and the girl you are going to marry?

> Of all security lessons, this is the hardest to learn: That military information must be shared with no one, not even with those you love.

> That is not to say that you must no longer put your trust in these people in whom, you have confided all your life. But you must not share with them secrets that are not yours to share, secrets that belong to the Army.

> Remember that the first person an enemy agent contacts when he wants to know anything secret is the wife or girl friend of the man who knows that secret.

> You may feel that your wife or mother has a right to know when you are in danger, a right to be told if you know that on a certain date you are sailing in convoy, or are going on a raid from which you may never return. And you may also feel that they have a right to know if this raid is canceled, so that their minds may be set at rest.

> But this must not happen. The more people who know a secret, the less chance there is of its being kept. This is the first rule of security. Once you realize this, you will see that it is not only careless talk that costs lives. Too many people are of the opinion that careless talk is loudmouthed conversation in public bars to perfect strangers, and that its opposite, careful talk, is a confidential whisper to your wife or sweetheart. But it is talk of any sort that must be stopped no matter what the precautions that are taken.

Mothers and sisters and wives, with the best intentions in the world, can give away information without even knowing that they have done so. If they are worried about your safety, they will tend to confide in those who are sympathetic. In wartime we do not always choose our friends wisely, but turn instinctively to anyone who shows kindness and understanding, especially if they seem to be suffering like ourselves. An enemy agent will not only be a good listener, he will also be a sympathetic one.

If the people who love you are wise, they will not try to learn your

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MORE ON CONVERSATION

(Continued from page two) secrets. It is your duty to keep them te yourself.

ENTHUSIASM

Enthusiasm is a common cause of indiscretion. Anyone who is really interested in his job finds it hard not to talk and write about it. Your first impulse when your outfit has done particularly well will be to talk about its achievements. As the time approaches nearer and nearer to when your buddies and you will be going overseas, excitement increases and it gets increasingly harder to keep the news of events important to you under your hat.

But note how easy it would be for a clever person to get this information out of you. Maybe he would flatly refuse to believe you, until you got so angry with him that you blurted out facts and figures which would prove your story conclusively. Or he would be so impressed by everything you told him that you would tell more and more; or perhaps he would adopt the line of being a technical expert himself, pretending to know all about it already. and enticing you into a highly technical discussion in which you would be anxious to show off your knowledge.

Remember, never add to a newspaper account, no matter how proud you may be of the fact that you know the whole story.

IGNORANCE

A vast number of people are going about the country today giving away vital information simply because they have no knowledge whatsoever of the way enemy intelligence service works. They just cannot understand that it is all a matter of putting two and two together, of going around and collecting bits and pieces of information from a thousand different sources, and then cleverly evaluating them into a dangerous report.

Get it firmly fixed in your head that the enemy agents are not all parading about in Washington and our military establishments, preparing to waylay a general and steal the plans of a forthcoming attack. They are quiet, hardworking investigators who go about using their eyes and ears, and picking up a little item here and another one there by encouraging people to say more than they should. Oddments of news which tell of troop movements and concentrations of supplies, of

Postal Telegraph NYC 188 44 CUBANGOVT GHR CABLE VIA AACHNY HABANA 12 1250P MRS JOSEPHINE MORIS ROWAN= 100 10-6 VALLEJO STREET PUSSIAN HILL SANFRANCISCO= WI MAS SENTIDA CONDOLENCIA POR EL SENSIBLE FALLEGIMIENTO DEL TENTENTECORONEL ANDREW SUMMERS ROWAN QUIEN TUVO UNA ACTUACIAN EFICTENTE EN LA CAUSA DE LA LIBERTAD DE GUBA-F BATISTA PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA DE CUBA.

English Translation

My deepest sympathy on the sad passing of Lt. Col. Andrew Summers Rowan who played such a prominent part in the cause of liberty for Cuba.

> F. BATISTA President of the Republic of Cuba

A MESSAGE TO GARCIA

Here is an excerpt from Elbert Hubbard's famous narrative, "A Message to Garcia":

In all this Cuban business there is one man stands out on the horizon of my memory like Mars at perihelion.

When war broke out between Spain and the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the Insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain fastnesses of Cuba-no one knew where. No mail nor telegraph message could reach him. The President must secure his co-operation, and quickly.

What to do!

Some one said to the President, "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan will find Garcia for you, if anybody can."

Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia. How "the fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oil-skin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle and in three weeks came out on the other side of the island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and delivered his letter to Garcia, are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail.

The point I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter and did not ask, "Where is he at?" By the Eternal! There is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statue placed in every college of the land.

strengths and weaknesses at certain | see what he can deduce from them. points; of the destination of convoys and the position of battleships, aircrafts, tanks, and guns. A scrap of conversation picked up by an agent may at first seem to be of little value until another report from some other source continues the story and links it up with something else. The inclues no matter how small, and to ler and Hirohito.

Get quite clear in your minds the difference between an offense against ordinary discipline and an offense against security. People who break rules are sometimes thought to be very daring. The soldier who gives away military information is hitting his country below the belt telligence officer's job is to look for and is no hero to anyone except Hit-

No matter how wonderful a soldier's record may be, he is still of no value to his country if he undoes his good work by careless talk which results in more loss to us than he inflicts on the enemy.

GOAL OF SECURITY

The goal of security education is the instinctive security-mindedness of all in the military service. When discretion on all military matters becomes second nature to everyone so that we automatically shut up like an ovster whenever strangers try to get us to discuss our work, then the battle of security will have been won. It should not require an effort to be discreet. On the contrary, you should feel an acute sense of guilt whenever you find yourself referring to anything that is secret.

Remember that it is not only a crime to commit a breach of security, but also to conceal one. Surprise is a vital factor in war. If the enemy finds out our plans, it is essential that we should know that he has done so. Therefore if a leakage exists those in authority must be notified at once.

You must see security as an additional weapon in your hands, a weapon which, if developed and perfected, can become as valuable to the United States Army as the tank, the airplane, or the anti-aircraft gun. That may sound like an exaggeration, but it is not. Our technical experts are working night and day to reduce our losses by faster aircraft, by greater hitting power, and through the development of better equipment, but those losses would be reduced in a far more sensational way if all leakage of information to the enemy could suddenly be stopped.

If you see security as a weapon, you will realize that it is as vital to the safety of a man as cannon and ammunition; more so, because guns can run out of ammunition or jam, but security need never break down if only all military personnel will give it the attention it deserves.

It is not only the security of the Army which is your concern. It is just as much your duty to protect the security of the Navy by giving away nothing about them which could be of help to the enemy, and by silencing anyone you meet who is talking about their secrets.

It is your duty not only to keep your mouth shut, but also to see that others do the same. If you know any secret information, keep it to yourself; and if a friend of yours

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THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

WHAT MAKES AN OFFICER?

It isn't the bars on his shoulders.

It isn't the way he walks, or talks either.

It's not the way he dresses, or his snappy salute. No, it's none of these. It's the little things he does that makes or breaks an officer in the eyes of his men. Take that night on a 4-day maneuver, for instance. A truck driver had been behind the wheel of his vehicle eight hours when the word went down the line that all driving lights would be doused, and the column would continue toward its mission in blackout. He's a crack driver, among the best. But even the best of them get tired sometime, and an officer who was riding in that truck knew this. He nudged the sleepy-eyed driver, motioned him to the back, and then slipped behind the wheel himself. The tired soldier slept the sleep of a contented baby for four solid hours while the officer drove.

If Hell were his destination and Tokyo, Rome and Berlin just stopping off places, we'd follow a man like that. Yep, men, it's the little things he does that makes or breaks that man you're saluting. . . .

(From The Armored Castle, Ft. Benning, Ga.)

Eddie Cantor relates the story about the Colonel who caught a private mimicking him, and sent a Sergeant to reprimand the rookie. The Sergeant returned a short while later and the Colonel asked, "Did you bawl him out for imitating me?" Said the Sergeant: "Yes, sir. I told him not to act like a fool."



1st Lieut. Eileen E. Donnelly, Chief Nurse, ANC, passing out PPCs as she left for new station somewhat to the southward of here.

A telegram announcing the promotion of Lieut. Colonel Leonard N. Swanson, M.C., to the rank of Colonel. Congratulations in order and on the way.

Miss Hazel Cumre back at her desk, feeling fit, and ready to laugh even before the starting bell rings in the morning. She and Miss Brogan know a few good jokes.

Mrs. Helen Diez limping a little better this week after a little practice. Her infirmity does not interfere with her role of Grandmother, we are told.

One of our nurses, in uniform, wearing an umbrella. Tsk! Tsk! Officers in this man's army are supposed to get wet when it rains.

The new chevrons on the new corporals and the names will be announced in the next edition.

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

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ments can be made, therefore, civilians with due bills should make allowances for late allotment checks.'

In many instances delays are attributable to failure on the part of enlisted men to submit promptly or sign properly the necessary papers for family allowances or Class "E" allotments. This occurs frequently when persons are ordered overseas or to unknown destinations.

In all cases where delay results, regardless of the cause, resort should be made to the loan service of the Army Emergency Relief. The Executive Director, Army Emergency Relief, advises that this service is ready and should be utilized to carry families of enlisted men through any period of financial embarrassment that may ensue while they are awaiting receipt of checks.

All concerned will be informed does offer this opportunity for as- its services as necessary.



We welcome the following additions to the nursing staff and wish them a pleasant tour of duty here.

Miss Dora J. Martin was born in Bury Quebec, Canada, and attended high school in Waterville, Maine, and went on to her nurses training at the Waterville Sisters Hospital from which she graduated in 1936. Following post-graduate work at the Boston Lying-In Hospital, Miss Martin was a supervisor and teacher of obstetrics in Nebraska until she left for New York where she joined Army Nurse Corps, November 13, 1941, as a 2nd Lieutenant. Her first assignment was at Fort Barrancas, Florida, her next, being foreign service-March 1, 1942. After returning, she was stationed temporarily at Camp Stoneman until January 15th when she came to Letterman. Her avocations are amateur photography and needlework.

Miss Maxine Busch was born in Napa, California, and attended the Immaculate Conception Academy and Girls' High in San Francisco from which she graduated in 1939. She then had her professional training at Franklin Hospital here, graduating in 1942, and going on to staff nursing and general duty until she became a 2nd Lt. in the Army Nurse Corps on January 15, 1943. Her outside interests include horseback riding and ice skating.

Miss Beverley White was born in Washington, D. C., but calls Yreka, California, her home town. After graduating from high school in 1938, she left Yreka to attend San Jose State College for a year, after which she went into training at the Children's Hospital in San Francisco where she graduated on August 24, 1942. Miss White went on to general duty nursing until she became a member of the Army Nurse Reserve Corps on January 15, 1943-as 2nd Lt. Her principal inside interest is reading; her principal outside one being hiking.

sisting deserving cases, and that evthat the Army Emergency Relief ery effort should be made to utilize

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In the Post Chapel:

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, January 24, 1943

Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

WEDDING BELLS

In the Post Chapel on Thursday morning of this week Private High Matthew Spall, of the Medical Detachment, was united in matrimony with Miss Regina Gertrude Hagan, of Great Falls, Montana. Pvt. Percy Frazier and Miss Mary K. Blissenbach were present in the capacity of best man and bridesmaid.

Mrs. Gertrude Hagan, mother of the bride, came from Great Falls to be with the young couple for the ceremony. A wedding breakfast was served later and the newlyweds took off for a brief honeymoon.

OBITUARY

ALEXANDER BERKOWITZ

Master Sergeant Alexander Berkowitz, Medical Department, U. S. Army, retired, died at Letterman General Hospital on Sunday morning. Sgt. Berkowitz had been a patient here for just a week prior to his death but he had been in failing health for several years.

During World War I Sgt. Berkowitz served as a Captain in the Sanitary Corps and later was commissioned Captain in the Medical Administrative Corps. After the war he was on duty as Adjutant at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. In December, 1922, Captain Berkowitz resigned his commission and re-enlisted in his former grade of Master Sergeant and retired soon after.

Funeral services were held at parlors of Halsted & Co., in San Francisco, and interment followed at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, Calif.

There are no surviving relatives.

And Garry Moore knows a soldier who preferred blondes because he was afraid of the dark.

ON THE SPOT



CHARLIE C. DREWRY T/5th Gr., Ord. Dept.

Technician Fifth Grade Charlie C. Drewry of the Ordinance Department and now a patient on Ward M-1 is On The Spot this week. Known as a fast man on the guitar and on his feet, Charlie is more popularly known as "Flash" by his friends. And if this bit of information is not enough we hasten to add that "Flash" sings his own accompaniment, does it well, and is open for engagements. Program makers please note.

"Flash should have been a philosopher for the very sound reason that his opinions on life, the Army and the U.S.A. are worthy of comment. In his own words he "likes Army life very much and thinks it is up to the individual to either make a good or bad record for himself."

Giving the impression of a soldier who is a living example of good morale, "Flash" thinks the men and the officers in his outfit are a fine bunch of men and are just as good as any to be found in Uncle Sam's Army.

Drewry enlisted just three years ago on the east coast, had his basic training there and is now stationed in the vicinity of Northern California. His musical accomplishments date back to his admiration for Gene Autry and Drewry can do a pretty good job when it comes to dusting off the guitar and giving out with melody.

Baseball is one of his major hobbies and he follows this sport with keen interest. A patriotic and closemouthed soldier, "Flash" is reluctant to talk about his Army duties except to say that he likes his work. And if his outlook on life is any indication of his popularity, it is a pretty good bet that this soldier is one of the most popular men in his outlit.

THE HARVEST

1

What shall we reap when the fields are full?
What shall we glean with the harvest home?
Watered with blood from a glinting rain,
Sown with the hearts of our fathers' sons—
What if the blight comes on again?

11

Well do we know that the seed is down,
Buried in earth that should yield good bloom.
Whom shall we trust with the tending, then,
That all shall be safely home and stored,
Safe from the ruinous storm again?

111

Not to them who would only eat.

And not to them who have sweat no sweat—

Careless and idle, they, to trust

With hoard of harvest from rot and rain,

From worms, should the blight come down again.

IV

What are the crops that our seed should bear? Freedom, first, and a freedom true, More than the printed and spoken word, More than a demagogue's vacant spiel—Freedom where every man be heard.

V

Brotherhood, then, in a common bond, Not ceremonial club and lodge, Not sect nor section, nor group, nor clan, With men for their special virtues wooed, But Brotherhood of the Common Man.

VI

Equality, not in the dream alone,
No symbol word to be taught a child,
No fairy tale or golden fable,
No "this" for white and "that" for black—
Let all be served at a single table.

VII

What more? When the harvest wagons come, And hands in the fields find rest from toil, Let each receive in a fair degree
As he has given to make the whole—
To the aged and sick—as the need may be.

VIII

What shall we hold when the bins are full? When the glistening scythe is laid away, When the tools of the toilers are put aside, What shall the share of the living be, More than the share of those who died?

PRIVATE WALLY ALVAREZ, Service Command Unit 1972, Medical Section, Letterman General Hospital.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. CHARLES A. POTTORF

Undergoing the usual basic training that all new members of the Medical Corps must undergo-plus the usual but necessary amount of 'Yard Bird' duty is a likeable young member of the Detachment by the name of Charles A. Pottorf. Private Pottorf was born in Los Angeles, California, on January 30, 1924, and has lived the entire nineteen years of his life in Glendale, California. Obtaining his schooling in the grammar and high schools in his home town of Glendale he went to work in the Glendale Sanitarium immediately upon graduation from high school, and was employed in the kitchens and hydrotherapy departments for two years.

He has long had a liking for the Medical Corps and prior to his entry into the service of Uncle Sam was a sergeant in the Medical Cadet Corps of the Medical Reserve. Naturally, when it came time to choose between the various branches of service, Pvt. Pottorf did not hesitate long. He joined the Medical Corps on January 9, 1943, was first sent to Arlington Reception Center for about three days and then assigned to Letterman General Hospital.

Private Pottorf claims that to date he has not had much opportunity to cultivate many hobbies other than his main love of tinkering with automobiles during his spare time, but he does like all outdoor sports.

"I fully intend to follow in my older brother's footsteps if it is humanly possible," Pottorf said. "He is stationed somewhere in Wyoming and fresh out of Officer Candidate School. Well, I'm over the first huradle now that I am in the service. The second will be to get some time under my belt and the necessary experience to qualify for OCS."

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Richard S. Jones, Anthony C. Moscarella and Sheldon H. Warshauer appointed Staff Sergeants; and Clarence Hagen, Donald L. Pile and Doyle W. Woods appointed Technicians Fifth Grade.

A welcome is extended the following men who joined this station during the week. They are: Charles A. Pottorf, John J. Palmers, Horace J. Stevens, Jack S. Albright, John A. Aquilla, Jack M. Godsey, Roy Kimbriel, Anthony S. Rizzuto, Elwood F. Kueny, Walter G. Roach, Carl G. Martens, Joe J. Souza, John E. Richter, Edwin Stockton, Calvin S. Barrett, Duke Bauman, Louis R. Campos,, William E. Carroll, Caserza Lawrence, Harvey S. Francis, Wilbur A. Laidlow, Ernest A. Marino, Anthony A. Quartuccio, Harry Stent, Jr., Sherman M. Woody, Kenneth L. Chesney, Jerome S. Hopkins, Wesley L. Linfoot, Howard E. Narron, Brekie Rodarte, Walter C. Taylor, Steven Yee, Rex P. Davis, Leroy W. Johnston, Jr., Benny A. Mangone, Hugh R. Noffsinger, John J. Smith and Roscoe L. Van Dolah.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pvt. John Mattison back from DS and with praise for—you guessed it—Letterman Hospital.

Sgt. Andre Pascal drilling recruits and his 'Army' rapidly expanding.

Pvt. Al Leoni taking that fatal step tomorrow. Congratulations, Al.

Sgts. Ross Morey and Andre Pascal putting their basketball team through the paces in anticipation of that long-awaited game with the Sanitary Unit. Let's have that game—and soon.

Cpl. Martin D. Tolman telling a group of Pvt., after he had cornered them in the PX, how to increase their medical knowledge by requesting "Special Emergency" each night... The Pvts. weren't impressed.

First Sgt. Calvin D. Williams setting the pace on new G. I. haircuts. Will they become official for everyone?

T/Sgt. Horace C. Ferguson back on the job again after a prolonged 'sick seige.'

Sgt. George Norvelle letting empty
"D" street cars pass him up every
morning so he can ride the crowded
"E" cars. We don't get it.

NEW ASSISTANT TO SERGEANT MAJOR IS AN ANGLER—WE MEAN FISHERMAN



JAMES F. BLACKBURN
Staff Sergeant, Medical Department
Assistant to Sergeant Major

Despite the fact that Sergeant Major William R. Moody does not like fish of any kind or color and makes no secret of the fact, newly appointed Staff Sergeant James F. Blackburn, assistant to the Sergeant Major, is an ardent disciple of Izaak Walton and frequently makes some nice catches of black bass around the bay area. The answer to this apparent riddle? Very simple. Mrs. Moody is fond of fish. And that is that.

Which is by way of introducing the new Staff Sergeant in the Sergeant Major's Office - Sergeant Blackburn. Born March 4, 1916 in Springfield, Missouri, James was soon transplanted to Galesburg, Illinois where he grew up and obtained his schooling in grammar and high school there. The Sergeant evidently distinguished himself on the basketball courts because the high school team on which he played the position of guard won the Illinois State Championship in 1934 and any basketball fan can tell you that they have always played real basketball back there.

After graduating from high school,
Jim spent eighteen months with the
three C's in Ontonagon, Michigan,
and Mountain, Wisconsin, where his
work consisted of fighting fire, cutting timber and falling trees under
trying conditions when it was necessary to fall burning trees into the

fire area instead of the unburned area. It was hot, tedious and dangerous work but the Sergeant liked it and made good at it.

The pleasant and sport loving Sergeant has long had a liking for work in the medical field, and so he enlisted in the Army on August 26, 1940 at Springfield, Missouri, for the Medical Corps and was sent immediately to Letterman Hospital. He was assigned to the Surgical Service shortly thereafter and worked under Colonel Kirk. From Surgery he went to the Sick and Wounded Office as a Technician Fourth Grade and from there into the Sergeant Major's Office where he now holds forth in his duties as assistant to the Sergeant Major.

Last, but by no means least, (in case Jim has to explain) we record the fact that the Sergeant married a Minnesota girl, at that time, Miss Eleanore Berglund, who is now Assistant Superintendent in Surgery at Dante's Hospital. Jim wooed and won the present Mrs. Blackburn at about the same time that First Sergeant Calvin D. Williams was entering the matrimonial sweepstakes. As a matter of fact, the efficient 'Topkick' and Jim stood up for each other. The date of Jim's entry into the complicated structure of dual income tax returns was April 19, 1941 and the home address of the Blackburns is 3025 Steiner Street, San

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

1st Sgt. William H. Sink accompanied twenty students on a trip south Monday and, from all reports, had a profitable trip. Even though the Sgt. is married he hasn't lost his appeal for the women—to some of the Southern Belles in particular, who were on the same train.

To prove the School Library has gained popularity and seems to be the place to congregate on your evenings on the Post, the figures show a steady increase of men in attendance. Thirty-eight men took advantage of it Monday evening and forty-two Tuesday. It's a quiet place to study or write so let's keep it going and show the officers in charge that the Library is an appreciated addition to the School.

Sgt. John P. Shea returned from a trip this week and, as usual, had a better time than most of the men. John certainly does make friends with the 'gals.'

Why does T-4th Gr. William L. Vandewater always change the subject when talk begins to center around his blond and charming girl friend? Rumor has it that more than one Staff Sergeant would like to cut in on Vandewater who believes that an 'ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.'

INT'S INTERESTING TO SEE-

The Detachment boys looking homeless and dejected since the 'Club' has been closed. Conclusion: Perhaps we won't have to borrow from one another quite as often.

T/4th Gr. George C. Hoppel's "New Regime." Is it just for relaxation? We wonder . . .

T/5th Gr. Bruce Sloan dabbling in Art again, and working until five a.m. on his paintings? Ah Art!!!!

The swollen jaws of 1st Sgt. Harvey Hoblitzel and T/4th Gr. Francis L. Rowlands. Nothing personal, just a 'tussel with the Dentist.'

The Freshmen having basic training in Litter drill every afternoon at four.

Red Skelton says a man may have more courage than the average woman but he doesn't get half the chance to show his backbone.

MORE ON CONVERSATION

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knows something secret, do not try to find out what it is.

It must be your duty to acquire security-mindedness in yourself, and then spread the gospel of security among others so that they can learn the wisdom you have already learned

In wartime no one is ever fully off duty, and no one must ever be momentarily off guard.

DON'T TALK

1. ABOUT TROOPS:

Location, except for troops in training and no police duty.

Where, when or how troop movements will be made.

Characteristics and limitations of equipment or weapons.

Concentration or special training of units.

2. ABOUT HARBORS, SHIPS, AND CARGOES:

Location, destination or cargo of United States, allied, or neutral ves-

Any information about a transport, convoy, harbor defense, or mine field

Construction or proposed launchings.

Condition and set-up of shipyards. Sinking or damage until officially announced

3. ABOUT DAMAGE:

Generally speaking, do not disclose any information in your possession as to damage done to our side by any action of the enemy.

4. ABOUT AIRPLANES:

Production of any plant or number in any military unit.

Location, destination, or time of departure of air units.

Troop movements or war material shipment by air.

Characteristics and limitations. Development or experiment.

Name, plans, or orders of members of Air Transport Command.

5. ABOUT FORTIFICATIONS AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT INSTALLA-TIONS:

Location and description.

Location of bomb shelters or camouflaged objects or other defense precautions.

Any information of United States installations outside the United

6. ABOUT PRODUCTION:

Don't give out any information on ican citizen. production known to you. Let the (Continued on page eight)

ARMY HOSTESS APPROACHES JOB WITH HAPPY VIEWPOINT

Miss Clara Dayton, who is considered among the assets of the Presidio and neighboring commands, is a native San Franciscan, was educated in the local public schools, and made advanced studies in Columbia University and the Juillard Graduate School of Music in New York

Miss Dayton has put the story of her work in her own words and from here on it becomes the first person singular:

"I have had the interesting and pleasurable experience of serving as Army Hostess during the past eight and a half months at the Presidio of San Francisco, and have had opportunity to observe closely the recreational needs, tastes, and reactions of service men as they gather here from all walks of life.

It would seem that the greatest single need is to effect a transition from civilian to military life such that the greatest efficiency and spirit for the new work shall be retained without loss of those attributes which give to American youth his desire to preserve the homeland

From the least informed to the man of superior educational advantage, I have found that participation in music gives the greatest allaround sense of pleasure, and at the same time, the feeling of cooperation and individual responsibility which are invaluable assets toward progress in his military life.

Since the inception of the San Francisco Presidio Soldiers' Chorus we have presented at least one program monthly at the War Department Presidio Theater at which the audience is invited to join in singing popular Army and other spirited songs. There have been various appearances at Chapel services in this area-at one of these we had the privilege of being the first chorus to sing (Fort Mason Chapel) and more recently participated at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve in the War Deartment Theater. The men who sang on these occasions acknowledged their feeling of privilege in having shared the pleasure of musicmaking with their colleagues; it makes for united effort among men and at the same time each must retain the sense of individual value which is his birthright as an Amer-



Miss CLARA DAYTON United States Army Hostess for the Presidio of San Francisco

sonnel of our armed forces, for they transition between the customary will bear the influence of their military training long after victory is attained. From a weekly program of achieved; and I should like to cooperate by bringing as much of the normal way of life to them through stimulating participation in music which serves to inspire and instil the courage they all require. If young people are to maintain a high standard of efficiency in performing the daily tasks essential to the war effort, there must necessarily be some recreational diversion.

Many individuals require pastime other than of the physical variety, and intelligent listening to music is another medium by which a healthy his military career.

and the military way of life may be recorded symphony music with commentary by the Army Hostess has come the interesting discovery that the history of musical expression has counterpart in our own struggle today.

Men gain courage and inspiration through contact with masterworks and music helps them to better understand and take hold of theselves. It affords both relaxation and a mental stimulus to do the job better; constructive music recreation is a decided asset to the enlisted man in

FUN & SMOKES . . CAMELS ARE COMING

hurray."

That's the tune you'll be hearing when the Camel Caravan's streamlined bus rolls up to the Recreation Center on Saturday, January 23 for two shows at one and three o'clock.

Headlining the Caravan show is the versatile Joey Rardin, who is amazing with his clever impressions, novelty songs, character dancing and chatter with a rare sense of humor.

On the comedy side will be Fid I feel that there is a great work Gordon, laugh riot with the violin.

"The Camels are coming, hurray, be singer, lovely Jeanne Carroll; and that versatile musical group, the Camel Rangers, singing cowboys of stage, screen and radio fame; and Paul and Paulette, famous trampoline act.

> Darlene Ottum, beautiful dancer, will be on hand for a routine of tap and acrobatic dances.

Two beautiful Hollywood starlets, Kay Carroll and June Wright, wearing the uniforms of the Camelettes, will close the show by passing through the audience distributing to be accomplished among the per- Featured on the same show will free cigarettes to all who attend.

OUR CAMERAMEN



Pvt. JOHN P. BREEDEN, Jr.

Newest addition to the Ninth Service Command Photo Lab personnel at the Presidio of San Francisco is Private John P. Breeden, Jr., who is now officially listed in the 'rogue's gallery' of "Our Cameramen."

By induction, Private Breedon lost all ties with the civilian world on December 5, 1942, and was sent from the Induction Center at the Presidio of Monterey, California, directly to the 9 S. C. Photo Lab for duty.

Prior to induction he had been employed for a year and a half by the Gabriel Moulin Studios in San Francisco, and he says that his chief interest in commercial photography has been advertising illustrations.

Private Breeden was born on November 23, 1918, and his home is located in Palo Alto, California, where he has lived his entire twenty-four years.

MORE ON CONVERSATION

(Continued from page seven) other fellow get what he's suppend to know out of the newspapers. 7. ABOUT WEATHER:

Don't pass on information of weather conditions other than that which appears in your local newspaper.

8. ABOUT RUMORS AND HARM-FUL STORIES:

Don't repeat stories-

Which stir up racial discussion.

Inimical to our friendship with or in criticism of our allies.

Of the enemy's prowess.

Of our inefficiencies or shortcomings.

About a shortage of or poor quality of our equipment.

Challenge all rumors.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

The War Bond drive to secure enrollment of at least ninety per cent civilian participation is continuing favorably with each new authorization for payroll deduction getting us that much closer to the right to fly the coveted "E" pennant from Letterman. Many of the employes who were waiting for the first of the year to sign up have done so and it is hoped the remainder will follow suit and keep our percentage climbing. The following employes have signed up during the past few

Helen Lund Helen Wetzel Ethel C. Giovacchini Jean E. Perkins Virginia L. Fuller Mildred A. West Margaret S. Hiett Raymond W. Smith Pilar Aponte Iva M. Nolan Leta L. Baruth Raymond V. Shine

Frances O. Stallings Sally Daniels Barbara Malkova Presto Lillian F. Jones Marion Rader Helen Aller Alma S. Haapla George T. Jett Martha M. Columbo Mildred B. Prigge Virginia H. Cannon Lillian F. Zauher

Army Nurse Corps Bond Authorizations

The following Nurses, Members of the Army Nurse Corps, have added their names to the swelling total now authorizing payroll deduction for War Bonds.

2nd Lt. Maxine Busch

2nd Lt. Martha M. Hinchliffe 2nd Lt. Beverley M. White 2nd Lt. Jean A. MacCready



It's a Girl at the Samuel Pecks: Home

The long legged boird stopped briefly on Ward "H" aat 11:03 p. m. on Wednesday evening to leave eight pounds and six ounces of Barbara Peck for the family of Major and Mrs. Samuel G. Peck.

Major William, Ice, speaking for his confrere, stated that the father was doing well;

And the congratulations and good wishes of the command go out to Miss Barbara and her mother.

Letterman Nurses Will Take to the Air Lanes with USN

The radio program "Bombs Are Falling," sponsored by the U. S. Treasury Department, not to be confused with the well known "No Bombs Fell" uttered by the municipal chief executive, to be heard on Monday evening over station KGO at 9:30 PWT will feature two Letterman nurses as a team to match wits with two nurses from the Navy Nurse Corps on a quiz program.

2nd Lieuts. Margaret McWeeney and Barbara Walker will answer the questions for the Army side and our surgery staff will all be listening

The time-9:30 p. m. on Monday over KGO.



To Private and Mrs. Ralph Lopez, a son, Ralph John Lopez, born January 14, weight eight pounds.

To Captain and Mrs. Robert E. Butts, a son, David Allen Butts, born January 15, weight six pounds, three ounces.

To Major and Mrs. Lowell T. Bondshu, a daughter, Elizabeth Bondshu, born January 16, weight eight pounds, two ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Winders, a son Paul Glen Winders, born January 17, weight four pounds, six

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Red Cross Campaign For \$125,000,000 Opens March 1st

With a goal of \$125,000,000 for its 1943 War Fund, the American Red Cross will embark upon the biggest campaign in its history on March 1.

Millions of volunteers will be recruited to assist in the nationwide appeal, which will be conducted under the direction of Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, who is national chairman of the 1943 Red Cross War Fund.

In announcing the goal, Chairman Norman H. Davis said the figure represented the minimum requirements if the organization is to meet its war-time obligations.

"The goal," Chairman Davis said, "is based upon realistic estimates which careful study shows are actually needed to meet the heavy war-time obligations and responsibilities of the Red Cross. This sum covers local, national and international war-time needs of the organization for one year barring unforseen emergencies or disasters.

"Of the total goal, \$45,000,000 is the sum required by chapters to finance their indispensable needs and their ever-increasing local work on behalf of families of men in the service. The remainder, or \$80,000,000, will go to the national organization which, however, requires one hundred million dollars to finance its national and international program. The difference will be met by a balance of \$20,000,000 from the first War Fund of 1942 which will be applied to the 1943 budget."

Chairman Davis emphasized that upon in March who more than 65 per cent of the amount required by the national organiza-February 28, 1944.



RICHARD ELLSWORTH HUMES
Lieutenant Colonel, Med. Adm. Corps
Is receiving the congratulations of his many friends on his recent promotion.

tion has been budgeted for services to the armed forces.

With the approval of President Roosevelt, March will be observed as Red Cross month in every city, town, and hamlet covered by the 3,750 chapters and their 6,154 branches. All walks of community life will be represented in the campaign.

The customary membership Roll Call was dispensed with last November when one campaign was decided upon in March which, barring emergencies, will finance its work until February 28, 1944.

Another Letterman Graduate Wins the Pair of Gold Bars

A letter to Major Frank Day is the source of the news that Warrant Officer William Kreitz, former assistant adjutant at Letterman, has completed the course in the Adjutant Generals' School and received his appointment as 2nd Lieutenant in the Adjutant General's Department.

Lieut. Kreitz has been temporarily assigned to the pool at the A. G. School, Fort Washington, while awaiting orders to his permanent station.

Executive Director Of Army Emergency Relief Visits S. F.

Major General Irving J. Phillipson, Executive Director of the Army Emergency Relief, was a visitor in the Bay Area on Tuesday of this week in connection with the administration of affairs connected with the relief agency.

General Phillipson addressed a conference of officers who are directors of the sections of the Army Emergency Relief in the posts in the San Francisco area. He stressed the desire of the Secretary of War that immediate relief be extended in all cases coming within the purview of the organization. The general outlined a plan to open regional offices in the principal cities of the Pacific coast at the earliest possible date to facilitate the work of aiding the families of men in the army.

Colonel Charles E. Quigley, is the Zone Director for the Pacific states, and he also addressed the conference following the remarks of Gen. Phillipson. Col. Quigley will expedite the opening of an office in San Francisco and it is hoped to be ready for business within a short time.

Officers from Fort Scott, Presidio of San Francisco, Fort Mason, Camp Knight, 4th Air Force, Fort McDowell, Hamilton Field, Camp Stoneman, and Letterman General Hospital attended the conference.

The office of the Letterman section of the Army Emergency Relief is located in Room 209, Second Floor of the Administration Building, where application for assistance may be made by the personnel of this command.

The Post Chaplain is the Director of the Letterman section and is available night and day for emergencies. The Commanding Officer, Medical Detachment, SCU 1972, is the Secretary and Treasurer of the section.

THESE YOUNG MEN ARE ALWAYS IN THE DOUGH AND LIKE IT

Satisfying the daily bread wants of the patients and duty personnel at Letterman General Hospital is a full time job for the four men on duty at the Quartermaster bread bakery, and Sergeant Robert Singleterry, non-commissioned officer in charge, and Privates Jerry L. Swaner, Thomas M. Sergeant and Hobert L. Montgomery work in the best all out manner—they start at the early hour of 3:00 a. m. and work late into the afternoon—to see that the 'staff of life,' always fresh and in unlimited amounts, is available at all times.

The ingratiating voices of some of radio's recipe recounters saying-"and then add the whites of two eggs, half a teaspoon salt and stir thoroughly-" must make Sergeant Singleterry smile just a little bit. Because when the bakery goes about "whipping up a batch of bread" the ultimate results of an ordinary 'batch' will be three hundred pounds of bread in pound-and-a-quarter loaves. It takes eight pounds of sugar, seven pounds of milk, three and a half pounds of salt, three and a half pounds of malt, four pounds of yeast, seven pounds of lard, one hundred twenty-five pounds of water and one hundred eighty-five pounds of flour plus a great deal of effort, scientific handling and naturally the artist's touch to put it on the tables in the delicious, golden-brown, even-textured state we find it.

The bakery supplies the hospital and commissary with from eleven to twelve hundred loaves each day and four separate bakings are necessary to fill the demand. So, with ovens to be heated, bins to be filled and all to be made ready for the first batch at 8:20 a. m.—3:00 a. m. does not seem too early to start work.

One of the many phases of Army health insurance is very evident in the bakery where cleanliness reigns supreme. In very few instances are the bread, dough or any of the ingredients touched by the men. Machinery does the work.

A trip along the assembly line—and it is an assembly line—starts at the mixer. A very clean and sterile cement mixed with myriads of connecting tubes, funnels and gauges, is a good description of this machine. From covered bins and tanks the correct ingredients are automatically measured, weighed, and conveyed to the mixed which blends them to the exact consistency necessary, and the mixing starts. After it has been



Sgt. ROBERT SINGLETERRY, and Pvts. JERRY L. SWANER and HOBERT L. MONTGOMERY unloading dough trough prior to filling the divider.



Removing bread from the oven and greasing bread pans for future use are Sgt. ROBERT SINGLETERRY and Pvt. JERRY L. SWANER.



Pvt. JERRY L. SWANER checking the roller.

mixed the dough is then placed in proof troughs where it is left to rise.

From the proof trough to the divider is the next step for the dough. It goes in the hopper as a mass of dough but comes out neatly cut and weighed in exact sizes and falls onto a conveyor belt which takes it to the rounding machine. This machine not only rolls the dough into the shape of the pan in which it will be baked but also assures the even texture and tenderness of the completed loaf. From the roller it is put into pans and sent to the final proof room. Here it remains for fifty-five minutes in a temperature of 98 degrees before being sent to the ovens for baking.

The oven is gas heated and thermostatically controlled and has a capacity for two hundred and forty loaves of bread at one baking. The actual baking takes twenty-two minutes and the loaves revolve around the gas burner the entire time, exposing all sides of the bread to the flames for even baking. And as the bread is taken from the oven the pans are made ready for the next batch of dough and the bread placed on racks for cooling before being wrapped and delivered.

So ended the tour of the bakery and Sergeant Singleterry smiled and said, "I could be facetious. You know we are not paid anymore than the average soldier but there is always plenty of dough to be had in this department. Also this is one department where there are plenty of raises. And still we are all usually broke before the month is a thing of the past. Quite something, huh?"

The bakery personnel takes pride in the bread they bake ... and proof is in the product. Strange as it seems the one food that is eaten most often at Letterman Hospital and which comes up for criticism by members of the command less is the bread. It is always good; there is always plenty of it; it is always eaten.

Laff of the Week-

Camp Shelby, Miss.—They're telling this one on a rookie who was walking his first tour of guard duty. On the approach of the officer of the day, the rookie became so flustered that instead of the customary, "Halt! Who goes there?" he shouted: "Halt! Look who's here."

Letterman Baby Is A National Hero

In 1917 the stork dropped a small bundle of humanity on the Maternity Ward of this hospital destined to grow up and become an aviator with a national reputation for heroism and marked achievement in action against the enemy.



The new arrival on that occasion was the infant son of Captain and Mrs. William M. Larner. The former is now retired but lives within the shadow of the Presidio wall and just as much interested in the affairs of Letterman as he was on that morning when baby Edward proclaimed his presence.

The now Major Edward L. Larner has been mentioned in the public prints on many occasions since the war and both Letterman and the city of San Francisco share the pride in his accomplishments.

The wife of Major Larner recently received a letter from Lieut. General George C. Kennedy, commanding the Air Forces of the Southwest Pacific, in which the general described the action which Major Larner won a silver star for gallantry.

"He made a low bombing run, dropping parachute fragmentation bombs on two anti-aircraft positions from an altitude of seventy-five feet. A heavy burst of anti-aircraft fire bobbed the rear section of his plane, causing it to go out of control momentarily and clip six feet of tree tops for a distance of over fifty feet. Your husband displayed remarkable skill in regaining control of the aircraft. Although his airplane was considerably damaged, he circled and made a strafing run over the enemy positions. His courage in continuing this mission despite imminent danger is worthy of the highest commendation.'

And that, readers, was done by a former Letterman Baby.



Sergeant and Mrs. DOUGLAS L. GABB

Just after they became "Mr. and Mrs." And if a wedding ceremony can produce such evident contentment no man should stay single.

OUR KEGLERS CAN WIN TWO OUT OF THREE WHEN THEY GET DOWN TO IT

The Acme Brewery took a two to one lacing Friday night at the Broadway-Van Ness Bowling alleys in the 875 house league when they played the Letterman Hospital team. This is the last time the Medic's play the Beer team as the league is rapidly coming to a close. Looking over the score sheet shows Letterman has taken twelve games out of sixteen from this team, and the Medic's team is now six games out of first place with the Friday night win.

Sgt. Wilcox was high bowler for the evening having high individual game and high series with just one miss out of three games. Sgt. Kuntz was second high with two 200 games.

Sgt. Mottier in changing back to a two finger delivery in place of the three finger ball he has been throwing of late has once again begun to Letterman General Hospital hit his stride. He won the San Francisco City Championship in 1940 rolling with a two finger ball, his high game that year being 298. And in-

cidently is holding high game honors at the Loop Bowling Alley since it opened. He has received a Bronze Medal from the American Bowling Congress for his 298 game and a Gruen Wrist watch from San Francisco for his all events award, as well as a gold watch for being on the winning team.

Sgt. Kuntz won out in the semifinals at the Broadway-Van Ness alleys in the San Francisco News Tournament in the 170-184 class. His three game total of 607 withstood all comers and he gets into the finals having to bowl twenty-five games for total pinnage. He will face fifty bowlers in the finals. Here's luck to the Sergeant.

The results for Friday night's games were as follows:

Kuntz	173	204	202	579
Yohe				
Marano	180	178	162	520
Wilcox	242	188	170	608



DE WITT DOMINICK

Captain, Medical Corps Who left us recently but comes back occasionally to inquire after our well being and he will always be a welcome visitor.



New Corporals

Wilbur James Robert V. Larson Pedro Maguddato Gale H. Reedy Peter E. Sannes Lloyd E. Smith Horace N. Ulmer Edward C. Vicary Lawrence E. Pearson Watch their smoke

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Schoenberger	137	170	193	500	
Sorich	202	141	170	513	
Maule	160	. 151	160	471	
Ashby	179	179	179	537	
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EDITORIAL

Emergency Relief

The presence of the Executive Director of the Army Emergency Relief in San Francisco during the past week has served to emphasize the sincere desire of the Secretary of War that no dependent of any Letterman Hospital which is her man in the Army suffer from first station. want in any form.

The Executive Director in speaking to a group of post directors asked that the widest publicity be given the scope of the Army Emergency Relief organization, and every effort is to be made to acquaint potential beneficiaries of the routine to follow in the event assistance should be needed.

It is to be expected that dependents of service personnel who are new to the army will not know immediately how to proceed to make application for help and guidance on the part of those who might be called veterans will materially assist in alleviating distress.

In order to qualify for aid a dependent does not have to apply to the post or organization to which the service member of the family may belong. The Army Emergency Relief section of any post or any organization is ready to lend assistance to any dependent at any time.

The unavoidable delay in the payment of dependent allotments may cause temporary hardship for wives and children and until the situation is cleared the Army Emergency Relief is prepared to tide the family over the critical period of financial affairs.

With the A. E. R. to know is to act. Merely let any section director know of dependents needing help and it will be speedily forthcoming.



A hearty welcome is extended to the following nurses who have joined our staff since last week:

Miss Edith A. E. Hinchliffe was born in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, and attended school in British Columbia and Quebec, going on to nurses training at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, B. C. where she graduated in 1927. Miss Hinchliffe then went to Ellensburg, Washington where she did general nursing at the Ellensburg General Hospital and later worked in the office. She became a member of the Army Nurse Corps on January 15, 1942, at Fort Lawton, Washington, and came to

Miss Betty Harrington Clark was born in Houston, Texas, receiving her schooling in such widely divergent places as New York, Kansas and, finally, Berkeley, California. After graduating from Berkeley High School in 1937, she attended San Francisco J. C. for two years, going from there to her nurses training at the Children's Hospital. After graduating on August 24, 1942, she did general duty for three months, going on to another Children's Hospital. She became a member of the Army Nurse Corps on January 18th, and her first assignment is Letterman Hospital. Her outside interests include bicycling and ice-skating.

Miss Jean Anderson MacCready was born in beautiful Nova Scotia and after completing high school in her home town, New Glasgow, she attended college in another Maritime Province, New Brunswick. After completing her nurses training, Miss Anderson came to the United States where she did general duty at the Mayo Clinic until she came to San Francisco and joined the staff at St. Luke's Hospital. Miss MacCready became a member of the Army Nurse Corps on January 19th.

Hawaii Will Be Lit

Honolulu (CNS)-The blackout was lifted here recently for the first time since that dirty stab in the back.

Buck Private's Prayer

Oh Lord, in Thy mercy, please list to my plea; Though I'm only one, there are thousands like me. 're subject to orders from

high rank and low; Wherever they send us, we're destined to go.
We do all the drill, the labor,

and, Lord, The cost of real pleasure we

cannot afford. We grin and we bear it, we give,

never take, So I'm asking Thee, Lord, to give us a break.

We don't want the world, with a fence, for our own; We don't ask for luxuries we've never known;

We don't want to fight, but we will if we must

And stick to the end for a cause that is just.

We do want respect (that sometimes we lack),

A chance to be noticed, a part of the plan That makes for the right and the

freedom of man.

Please make the hardtack a little less hard . little less K.P., a little less

guard, little less work, a little more

play,
A little less drill, a little more

pay, A few less inspections, a much lighter gun

A little less crabbing, a little

more fun; And let it be known, Lord, they'd be out o' luck Without that one soldier, nicknamed "The Buck."

10 Million for Army and Navy

According to Under Secretary of War Patterson, the size of the armed forces is a military problem that should be left to the military leaders to work out. Citing President Roosevelt's figure of 71/2 million in the Army by 1944 and estimates of more than 2 million in the Navy and Coast Guard, Patterson said 10 million men in the Army and Navy is less than one out of every 13 of our population. Germany has one out of every 10 under arms, Britain has one out of every 10, and Russia's proportion is fully as high. "To say that we Americans cannot maintain one in thirteen is . . . a note of defeatism ... we cannot leave the hard work of fighting to the British, the Russians and the Chinese. And a war like this one cannot be fought, certainly it cannot be won, without an Army and a Navy of a size adequate to the task.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, January 31, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

OBITUARY

GEORGE A. McKAY

Captain George A. MacKay, U.S. Army, retired, died at Letterman Hospital on Sunday morning after a long illness.

He was born in Canada but moved in early life to Washington and graduated from the University of that state. He held a commission as 2nd Lieut. of Engineers during World War I and transferred to the Chemical Warfare Service in 1920. He was promoted to Captain in 1934 and retired for physical disability in 1939.

Funeral services were held in the Post Chapel, Presidio of San Francisco, on Tuesday afternoon and interment followed in the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno.

Catain MacKay is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frances Turner McKay, formerly of Washington, D.C., his son, George Morton McKay, of Honolulu, and a stepson-Joseph Hoffman, cadet at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

Saturday and Sunday. January 30 and 31:

YOU ESCAPE FOREVER-George Brent and Brenda Marshall. Also Short Subjects.

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2 and 3:

THE NAVY COMES THROUGH-Pat O'Brien and George Murphy. Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday,

February 4 and 5:

WAR AGAINST MRS. HADLEY-Edward Arnold and Fay Bainter. Also March of Time.

Saturday and Sunday,

February 6 and 7:

SEVEN SWEETHEARTS-Van Heflin, Marsha Hunt. Also Short Subjects.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. ERICK N. PETERSON

The nomination for buck of the week for this issue goes to an unassuming young soldier who possesses plenty of ability. His name is Private Erick N. Peterson, a native of Spokane, Washington, now working at Letterman as a messenger.

Born in Spokane on February 26, 1919, our buck graduated from grammar, high school and Gonzaga University there. While in college Private Peterson worked as a student teacher and had charge of the Chemical Laboratory. His interests are along this line, as well as mathematics and mineralogy, and sooner or later he hopes to attain degrees in these fields and teach Chemistry and Mathematics.

After graduating from Gonzaga in 1940 Erick went to work for a rail-road out of Spokane to build himself up physically, and worked with the railroad until his induction last year. It was while working this capacity, and continuing study for his Masters Degree, that Erick met and married a Spokane girl, Miss Dolores Gruel, in 1942. They met when both were playing in a church orchestra.

He was inducted on September 1, 1942, and according to his own terse whimsical summation, "took my furlough, spent all my money, entrained for Fort Douglas on the 15th, was there about a week, and arrived here on the 24th.

He makes a hobby of photography and his diversified interests include fencing and chess; he is already figuring out unusual methods of attack in the latter pastimes.

May good luck attend Private Peterson during his tenure of ser-

Kay Kyser tells about a Pvt. Neidspondiavonic who called at the Camp Post Office for mail. "Anything for Neidspondiavonic?" asked the soldier. The mail clerk looked up. "What's the initial?"

Red Cross Workers Learn Music To Keep Doughboys Entertained

WASHINGTON, D. C.—There's sistant program director's secretythm in the jungles on a scale tion of the Red Cross training that is giving the native tom-tom bands some stiff competition.

From palm-thatched huts in the scattered Fijis, American "sweet potato" swing-time symphonies, directed by recreation workers from the Red Cross field service, are drowning out the somber throb of South Sea Island drums.

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It all came about when the Army discovered that music still has charms, especially for homesick soldiers, bluejackets and marines garrisoned at lonely outposts. Living under primitive conditions on blacked-out islands, eating canned rations, and quartered under canvas or in native huts, the men grow restless and impatient for action.

Music, the Army's special services officers found, was soothing. It offered a refuge from grimness and kept the men's minds from being gummed up by petty worries. So ocarinas, tonettes, harmonicas and plastic bugles were added to the Red Cross recreation kits as a necessary part of the morale-building program for the able-bodied troops.

But because the mastery of the "sweet potato" ocarina and the basic key of C instrument, the tonette, was not included, even among the varied talents of the most versatile Red Cross recreation workers, and because time is a factor in training geared to wartime tempo, a course in music had to be added to the Red Cross training program so that trainees waiting for overseas appointments could not only learn to play, but also to direct. in one easy lesson.

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sistant program director's section of the Red Cross training school in Washington, called on Captain George S. Howard, Reamstown and Reading, Pa., formerly instructor of music at Pennsylvania State College and now assistant to Major Howard C. Bronson, music officer, Special Services Division of the Army.

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Captain Howard agreed to undertake the job. Using the same method by which he trained a band of 90 boys and girls for the last presidential inaugural parade in less than three weeks time, Captain Howard went to work on 50 Red Cross recreation workers.

When he opened the class, none could play a tonette nor an ocarina. Few could read music. Twenty minutes later, Swanee River was going over in a big way and when the one-hour class was dismissed the majority had graduated after a successful rendition of "White Christmas," plus a fair knowledge of the essentials of directing a key of C "sweet potato" and tonette band.

Because the instruments are easy to play, they are in demand not only in remote outposts where musical instruments are limited, but in large clubs where recreation facilities are more varied.

The special services officers have given their nod of approval to this Red Cross program because simplified music has proved to be a form of recreation in which large numbers of men can take an active part. They not only play but often compose their own music and write their own words, and "Asleep in the Jeep," jungle version, is good ammunition for combating boredom—the deadly enemy of





HERBERT GOLDSTEIN
Staff Sergeant, Medical Dept.

Staff Sgt. Herbert Goldstein has been assigned to the office of the War Bond Officer where he will have every opportunity to expand the sales of war bonds to the military and civilian personnel of this command. He succeeds to the office vacated by the discharge of Corp. James Walters, who goes back to civil pursuits.

Sgt. Goldstein has in the list of his achievements a book on the "Mechanics of Oxygen Therapy," which has a place in the Congressional Library and the sergeant has recently received a request for further data on his personal history to be filed with his book.

The sergeant has had a very rapid rise in grade since he entered the military service at Fort MacArthur on August 13, 1940. He was immediately sent to Letterman for duty and assigned to the Police and Personnel section where he remained until he took over the title of assistant to the War Bond Officer.

From a standing start as a private Sgt. Goldstein was made a Private First Class in January, 1941; a Sergeant in June 1941, and a Staff Sergeant in July 1942. One month later he was married to Bernice Gerwits of San Francisco and has become very much of a home body after office hours.

We look for the sales of war bonds to mount to higher figures under his salesmanship. Letterman is still shy on 90 per cent buying bonds with 10 per cent of the pay.

Bud Abbott tells about his experience in the last war. Seems he and Lou Costello were caught in a terrific bombardment, and to keep up their courage they started a conversation. "Yeah," says Costello, "a running conversation."

BE A BLOOD DONOR TODAY
SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW



MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: George R. Dahl, John R. Steele, Frank P. Farson, Robert J. Harrington, Ralph M. Mason, Joseph P. Pagan, Curtis R. Pike, Gerald V. Schuppner, Norman W. Miller, Edward C. Brant, John Y. James, appointed Sergeants; Edward A. Chilgren, Henry W. Kramer, Edward C. Cunningham, Michael Galary, Kenneth R. Terry, Joseph E. Turnham, appointed Technicians Fourth Grade; John R. Barsocchini, Stanley L. Boyd, Freddie J. Brieno, James L. Chan, Duane C. I. Johnson, Niel F. Martin, William B. Mosakowski, James F. Murray, Charles B. Richards, Jr., appointed Technicians Fifth Grade; Ernest A. Besson, Willie D. Calderon, Gerson Chanin, Fred L. Clayton, Robert W. Harvey, Angelo L. Leone, Lester L. Mees, Albert E. Peterson, William C. Sears, Hugh M. Spall, Ralph Trowbridge, Kenneth Wright, Philip H. Bryant, Alfred B. Calkins, Alvine J. Cheetham, Michael Emerick, James C. Howell, Marvin C. Looslie, Rene J. Miro, John R. Rash, Agapito B. Serrano, Frederick A. Stedman, George M. Vale, Robert M. Bradford, Maurice Cauffert, Harold D. Christian, Mervyn R. Hamlin, James F. Jacobs, George A. Lopach, Richard H. Nyman, Ward Schmidt, Alfred A. Silva, William H. Taylor, Lewin S. Villa, Lynn J. Gillard, Frederick A. Hill, Daniel J. Kiehl, Ramon Martinez, Ernest A. Pizza, Elbert U. Sprinkle and Marvin C. Wagner appointed Private First Class

A welcome is extended the following men who joined this station: Royce D. Delmaster, Duane H. Dunn. Robert B. George, John T. Harrington, Theodore R. Otterstetter, Douglas O. Young, Marcell E. Merki, Calvin B. Price, William P. Muzio and Glenn J. Williams.

Good luck to Alex Schlesinger, Donald F. Moxley and Edward S. Medzian who left for OCS during

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Cpl. James Walters being discharged as over the 38 year age limit. Nice to be so essential to industry, Jim. Good luck to you.

OUARTERMASTER COMMISSARY KEEPER IS A GOOD MAN TO KNOW THESE DAYS



CHARLES MEHR Master Sergeant, Q. M. Dept.

In this time of shortages of all kinds there is one man who lives in at atmosphere of opulence so far as foods are concerned and he is the non-commissioned officer in charge of the commissary at any army post.

The Quartermaster is the housekeeper for the army and under him the commissary is supposed to be well stocked with the food needed for the contentment of the personnel of the command. While the commissioned quartermaster officer is responsible for the proper administration of a commissary it is the noncom in charge who lends valuable assistance in the achievement of that

Here at Letterman the duty falls to Master Sergeant Charles Mehr who received the added chevron elevating him to the master grade as a Christmas present from Colonel Hubert A. Stecker, the Post Quartermaster, in appreciation for the good work Sgt. Mehr had been doing all through the year.

Sgt. Mehr was born in Wyoming and as a boy lived on the Ute Indian Reservation in eastern Utah at Vernal and his close association with the reticence in speech and manner. the happy family of this command.

Mehr rarely speaks unless there is something to say and he is no help at all in a "bull" session in the barracks. After graduation from the Vernal High School he took to mining for lead and gold in Colorado, Montana, and Nevada.

The Mehr family lives on a dairy farm at Logan, Utah, but once the sergeant had acquired the wanderlust in his mining experiences he had to keep moving and so he joined the army in the summer of 1932 at Fort McDowell, with assignment to the Quartermaster Department.

Sgt. Mehr next served a three-year tour of duty in Hawaii and followed that with two years at the Presidio of San Francisco. Returning to civil life he worked for one year at the Bethlehem Steel Company and then re-enlisted for the Quartermaster Detachment at Letterman in 1938. Since that date he has moved up through all grades from private to master sergeant-which is something of a record anywhere.

The interesting note in his biography is that Sgt. Mehr is a bachelor and likes nothing better than to tinker with his automobile. A bachelor with a car should be interestnative Americans helped develop a ing to all our female associates in

SPECIAL SERVICE

Graduation and assignment of Class XXI draws nigh, and as usual the rumors, via the proverbial grapevine, fly thick and fast. "What rating will I get? Will I be sent to Alaska?-or is it to be Australia? New York? Or will I remain in California?" And so it goes-only time will

Word from A/C's Brodie Winborne and Werner Wertsch, former Noncomms, of the School Detachment. now stationed at Santa Ana Air Base, state that they are successfully completing their basic flight instruction and no doubt will be transferred for Secondary training soon. So far, we hear, they have done an excellent job and we know they will win those coveted wings.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

And then there was the day Sgt. J. P. Shea received two showers instead of the intended one. The coiled hose outside T-42 was too much of a temptation it seems.

Has Cpl. Walter Pulling turned to mechanics lately? Must be, for when he leaves the Post now he signs out for "Ann's Garage." Does the name have a samiliar ring?

Pfc. Leo Schutz, the Junior member of the Detachment, being led astray and having a look at a peekin-the-hole card.

The energy of the members of the newly formed basketball team while having a workout in the gym at the Army "Y."

The "dejected" looks on the faces of all concerned, when told the weather is too inclement for the daily drill.

The added efficiency of all the Schools since rumor has it that the Inspector from Washington is on the Post to look things over.

And all the while we wonder if the things they say about Cpl. Eugene Beals can be true. . . .

Where's Elmer?' And He Says, 'Who Wants To Know?'

Private First Class Elmer Rakes, a patient on Ward B-2, is gradually settling back to his normal routine of life after a week-end as the honored guest of the Hotel Association of San Francisco.

As the "Hero of the Week" Rakes received a suite at the Hotel Mark Hopkins with the compliments of the management and all of the trimmings went along with the suite. He met the gentlemen of the press and spoke about his experiences at Guadalcanal where a sniper was responsible for a gash in his forearm and that sent him home to recup-

In speaking with the Public Relations Officer here at Letterman after his return, Pvt. Rakes remarked that it was all "just like in a bookunreal" and he feared lest he wake up and some one hand him a bill.

Some of the local papers published his picture with the famous dancer. Rene De Marco, handing him a piece of cake but he maintains that made him a cake eater only for the evening. Other photos were taken to be sent to the hometown paper and the folks back in Virginia have reason to be right proud of their Elmer.

As for those who ask "Where's Elmer?" his answer is that he is riding the crest of contentment.

Army Is Trying To Speed Up Payments Of All Allotments

WASHINGTON-The War Department has assured Senator Thomas (D., Okla.) that it is trying its very best to expedite pay allotment checks to the families of soldiers.

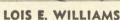
Thomas made public today a letter from Brigadier General Wilton B. Persons, chief of the legislative division, on some of the reasons why there have been complaints of tardy payments.

"Everything humanly possible with the personnel and equipment thus far at hand is being done to correct the situation as quickly as possible, working day and night," the department's letter said. "Rapid progress is being made."

General Persons explained that 4100 new employes had to be procured and trained to operate the machines which handle the checks indication of the magnitude of the since September 1.

COPY DESK GETS A NEW DEITY AND CUSSIN' CEASES IN THE SANCTUM







ANNE M. LEAHY

The old . . . and the new

Newest person of titular importance to enter the portals of the Fog Horn Sanctum as Queen of the Copy Desk. Miss Anne M. Leahy has assumed her role in true regal style. She replaces Miss Lois E. Williams, who abdicated the throne in favor of the newer title of 'Wife-Supreme.'

Miss Williams ascended the throne last April, pulled the crown down a little tighter on her head and went to work with a vim. Weekly the copy rolled from her desk in regular quantities: and from time to time as the woman's angle became an obstacle to be dealt with finesse Miss Williams ruled wisely and well. Often feature articles fell under her jurisdiction.

As in her successor, Miss Williams is a native daughter, having been born in Chico, California. She attended San Jose State College and this, plus the combination of several years with a broadcasting company and the Army Quartermaster Corps, real adaptability to her work and a pleasing personality was definitely an asset to the rule of good Queen

Good Queen Anne-Miss Leahy to you-has a similar background with which to impress her subjects. A San Franciscan by birth, she has spent most of her life in the Bear State. She graduated from the high school conducted by the Madames of the Sacred Heart at Menlo Park,

task, he said, 3,544,690 checks totalthat are mailed out monthly. As an ing \$217,564,204 have been sent out

California. And for several years prior to casting covetous eyes at a 'soft spot' at the Presidio she 'slaved' in the offices of one of the local insurance companies.

This daughter of the 'wearin' o' the green' was much impressed with the grounds at the hospital. -"Surroundings befitting any queen," she quotes. And with the true determination and spirit of the Irish she found her kingdom.

Siege of the hospital was lifted by this fair queen when she went to work in the Unit Personnel Office on October 12th. For those of us destined to become her subjects it has been rumored that her stay in that office was merely a test by fire. She has earned the right to rule, for already she has tested her sovereignty by invading the Sanctum to announce that she WAS going down to get a cup of coffee. Whether she won a victory or not is another question. The voice from the Sanctum said. "there's no law against it, is there?" She went, but we believe with some misgivings.

The manner in which the new Queen attacks her work bodes evil for the person who does not work, or at least does not get out of her way when she does. And the hirelings of the force have come to the conclusion that the road to success is have good sense and good looks and be Irish. Both Queens fill the

CUSPIDORS ARE OUT!!!

BE A NAZI KILL-JOY BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

Shortage of One Strategic Material Causing No Grief

One of the shortages, caused by the war, which has brought smiles to the faces of patients at Letterman is a scarcity of castor oil-that evil demon in bottles that "doesn't taste a bit?"

Although one is tempted to breathe a quiet good riddance and drop the subject right there, curiosity prompts an investigation as to just what happened to all the horrid stuff. Word from Washington informs us that the oil comes from Brazil where it is obtained from the Castor Bean, and that at present shipping difficulties make this source rather uncertain. But after a prolonged study with ear to the ground, nose to the wind and eyes open wide, our conclusion is that Mussolini, who used gallons of it on those who didn't see things eye to eye with him, must have an awful lot of ene-

In the course of this investigation it was discovered that castor oil plus a dash of vinegar makes a very fine dressing-not for salad, though that might be a solution to Mother-inlaw's perennial visit-but to promote an even suntan. And old time remedies-it's use for the softening of corns and bunions: some say crude castor oil is a good lubricant for machinery; and, of course, it's use and affects has always been known. and only too well, to the thousands upon thousands of 'Johnnies' who have, shall we say, 'spent too much time in the watermellon patch' or just plain over-indulgence.

Quoting paragraph three of the Memorandum from the Surgeon General's Office in Washington-"In many instances satisfactory substitutes are available and should be used in lieu of castor oil wherever possible. Prompt compliance will materially aid the Surgeon General's supply program."-Our only comment is "Out Castor Oil, in Cascara and Mineral Oil."

Commissioned 'Officer' Pulls KP for a Month

Ft. Bliss, Tex.-Ben Johnston of Washington, D. C. applied for a commission in the Signal Corps several weeks before he was to be inducted as a private. Time passed but he heard nothing from his application. Finally his draft board tapped him and he wound up here pulling KP. A month later his acceptance as an officer caught up with him.

The Stork Was Here

To Major and Mrs. Samuel G. Peck, a daughter, Barbara Peck, born January 20, weight eight pounds six ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. George J. Shima, a son, Robert John Shima, born January 22, weight seven pounds one ounce.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles L. Pike, a son, James Duane Pike, born January 23, weight six pounds 10 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Otto C. Radunz, a son, Martin Allen Radunz, born January 23, weight nine pounds nine ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Robert Ehrlich, a son, Bruce Robert Ehrlich, born January 23, weight six pounds seven ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Alvin J. Crane, born January 25, weight seven pounds eight ounces.

The Plan To Pay When You Have It Growing Popular

A Treasury Department statement said the simplest and most effective method of placing individual income tax payments on a current basis is collection of the taxes at the source of the income. Stanley S. Surrey, tax legislative counsel of the Treasury Department, explained that if income tax collections at the source were made applicable at the normal (plus first bracket surtax) rate, the vast majority of our taxpayersabout 25 million of the estimated 35 million income taxpayers—would be placed on a current basis and would also have their income taxes automatically budgeted for them.

Americans are already subject to one withholding tax—the Victory tax. Treasury officials have pointed out that withholding, in this case, is a collection device rather than a tax in itself, a device designed to help the taxpayer pay his 1943 Victory tax when it falls due in March 1944. The methods developed for administering the withholding provisions were determined upon as the most equitable for all taxpayers effected, under the terms of the statute imposing the tax.

Serve in Silence

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN



Mrs. ELIZABETH HARRINGTON WHITE

Every once in a while something will happen to bring a smile of joy to even a War Bond Officer and that thing recently happened when it was learned that Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington White became the proud purchaser of a One Thousand Dollar War Savings Bond.

Mrs. White is not a woman of wealth nor does she enjoy a big salary. She works for her daily bread but she feels she must have a part in the larger work her son and the men of the country are doing with the armed forces against the common enemy. It took Mrs. White a long time to save the money necessary to purchase that One Thousand Dollar War Savings Bond. It entailed the foregoing of many little pleasures and the sacrifice of other things normally contributing to her well being. All was done willingly on her part.

Mrs. White has not decided to rest on that one achievement. From her semi-monthly pay check she has authorized a deduction of Ten Dollars toward the regular purchase of more War Savings Bonds. She has already made a blood donation to the blood bank and waiting for the lapse of time to make her eligible for a second donation.

Mrs. White has a son in the Army Air Forces—her only son.

Letterman Hospital and the country at large could do with many more such splendid citizens and mothers as is Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington White.

Radio Risibles of The N.B.C. Net

Charlie McCarthy recently got his questionaire, and Charlie being Charlie, here's how it looked when he got through puzzling over the questions: Born: Yes. Where? Texas. What Part? All of me. Why did you leave? I couldn't take it with me. Where were your forefathers born? I only got one.

Fibber McGee tells about the Sergeant who explained to the Yardbird that the secret of his great strength, endurance and vigor, was that he ate a little piece of garlic every day. "Why," inquired the Yardbird, "do you refer to it as a secret?"

The female cast of the Rudy Vallee program recently agreed to say the word "morning" at rehearsal for each time they had been kissed the night before. Verna Felton walked into the studio and said, "Good Morning, it's a pretty morning this morning." Shirley Mitchell came in and said, "Good morning. It's a fine morning this morning. If tomorrow morning is as fine a morning as this morning it will be a pretty fine morning tomorrow morning. Then Joan Davis came in and said, "Howdy."

Lou Costello is carrying on quite a feud with one of the women on his show. (on the air). The other night she tired of his references to Hedy Lamarr. "Oh, Hedy Lamarr!" said she in exasperation. "What does she have, that I haven't?" Lou chuckled. "Nothing, only you've had yours too long."

Bing Crosby likes the sign in a Hollywood restaurant which says: "Please don't insult our waiters. Customers we can get."

The merry madmen on "Can You Top This?" recently spun the yarn of the Vermont farmer who shouted at his plow horse, "Giddap, Jack. Giddap, Jerry. Giddap, Casey. Giddap, Cromwell." When asked by a passing stranger how many names the horse had, the farmer replied, "Oh just one. But I put those blinders on him, yell all those other names, and he thinks he has other horses helping him."

Bob Hope says a Yardbird is a guy who would like to drown his troubles. But he can't get the Sergeant to go swimming.

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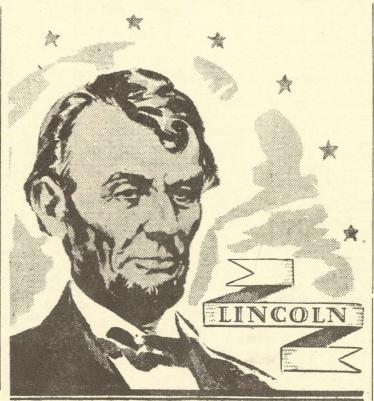
Early Date Set for **Opening New Baxter General Hospital**

During the past year at Letterman many officers, nurses, and enlisted personnel have received orders to report to other stations. Quietly they have dropped out of the busy daily routine of this hospital and traveled to the north, south, east and west to carry on their duties at various posts scattered over the face of the earth.

Occasionally word comes back of individuals who are now serving in the organization and administration of new general hospitals here in the west. Quietly and efficiently they accomplish their tasks without fanfare, preparing a place for the war wounded, and going on and on with the unending details of an army hospital operating under the exigencies of war.

Recently, information was received that six officers formerly at Letterman are now members of the staff engaged in completing the organization of Baxter General Hospital, a \$4,000,000 medical center in the suburbs of Spokane, Washington. Colonel Alva B. McKie, former executive officer at Letterman General Hospital, is in command of the 1500-bed hospital, and other Letterman alumni include Chaplain Harry A. Shuder, Major Lewis S. Parody, Major Edwin S. Bennett, Major John J. Loutzenheizer and Miss Elizabeth M. Beadles, Chief Nurse, Army Nurse Corps. Captain Louis F. Arnone is slated to join this group of officers at Baxter in the near future. Also Master Sergeant Lyle J. O'Connell, formerly of the enlisted personnel of Letterman Hospital, was on hand at the laying of the Spokane.

Construction on the Spokane Ar-



ABRAHAM LINCOLN 1809 - February 12-April 14 - 1865 "With Charity Towards All"

\$3,000,000 going to a San Francisco firm. Two weeks after ground was broken in the Audubon district, the War Department issued orders increasing the assignment to a 1500bed cantonment type with more than 150 separate units in the hospital and adjunct building list. The total cost of the enlarged hospital assignment will be approximately \$4,000,-000 when complete.

Construction is nearing completion and when finished there will cornerstone of the new hospital at be at Baxter not only the 1500-bed hospital facilities and surgeries, but also housing facilities for the medimy Hospital began last July 7, with cal and nursing staff, housing facili-

a contract for a 1000-bed hospital of ties for the Red Cross, civilian and technical workers connected with the hospital, recreation facilities including a motion picture theater, libraries, a post exchange, a restaurant and soda fountain, telegraph, telephone and postal facilities and a chapel.

> Baxter General Hospital was named for Jedediah Hyde Baxter, who was born March 11, 1837, in Strafford, Vermont, and who received an M.D. degree from the University of Vermont in 1860. He served in the Civil War, being commissioned surgeon of the Twelfth Massachusetts volunteers on June

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'This Is the Army' Lives Up to All **Advance Publicity**

When the curtain rose on Monday evening at the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco for the first performance of "This is the Army" the audience which filled the house to capacity knew at once that the advance publicity concerning the show had not been exaggerated.

Dwight Whitney, writing in the San Francisco "Chronicle," gives his first night impressions of the production, and with the permission of that newspaper his review is printed again for our readers. He headlines his report with "Soldiers Show is one of the greatest musicals of a generation," and it is just that.

"When the curtain went up on the first act the audience saw 120 soldiers banked up on a tier singing their hearts out to the familiar title song. They cheered because the men were soldiers; after that they cheered because the show was good.

No matter how much you've heard about it, "This is the Army" will lift you out of your seat. It is the kind of a thing which makes you understand what the gentleman meant who defined army morale as the feeling in a man which makes him believe he's the best damn soldier in the best damn squad in the best damn company in the best damn army in the world.

The beauty is that it makes you feel the same way. But make no mistake about it, the emotional wallop of the fact that these men are soldiers is merely an extra dividend; the show is a bonanza by any stand-

Everywhere is apparent the genius of Irving Berlin who wrote the script and the music, and supervised the direction. By the same token, "The Army" is full of merriment.

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OF ALLOTMENTS

The recent active campaign on the part of the Army Emergency Relief to lend assistance to every dependent who has faced undue hardship by the delay in payment of allotments makes very timely reading of the story in the "Army & Navy Register" covering the difficulties surmounted by the Office of Dependency Benefits in the administration of its enormous task.

"Out of 1,519,055 applications received through December 31 by the Office for family allowances to dependents of Army personnel under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act, already 1,294,852 have been approved, 133,750 have been temporarily disallowed pending submission of additional necessary information or evidence, and 10,607 have been disapproved.

In addition to administering allowances for dependents of enlisted men of the seventh, sixth, fifth, and fourth grades (privates, private first class, corporal, technician fifth class, sergeant, and technician fourth class) under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942, the Office of Dependency Benefits administers two other types of payments to officers and enlisted men of the Army. These are emergency Class E allotments and voluntary Class E allotments.

As of December 31, the Office of Dependency Benefits had in effect a total of 779,544 Class E allotments, of which 183,617 were accounts received since November 2, 1942,

The family allowance consists of a soldier's contribution from his pay supplemented by one from the Government. The emergency Class E allotment is an allotment which may be made by the Secretary of War for the benefit of depndents of Army personnel who are missing in action, interned, beleaguered, besieged, in the hands of the enemy, and under several other conditions. The ordinary Class E allotment is a voluntary allotment which any officer or soldier may authorize from his own pay, and which he may terminate or change at his option.

The Office of Dependency Benefits, which recently was moved from Washington, D. C., to Newark, N. J., in less than six months of operation has handled more than 3,500,000 pieces of incoming mail and has prepared and dispatched more than 5,-000,000 pieces, exclusive of the mil- then submit it, properly filled out

incoming mail is averaging 62,449 pieces a day and outgoing mail is averaging 63,422 pieces a day.

Much of the mail received and dispatched results from inquiries brought about either through misunderstandings of the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act, the other forms of allowances administered by the Office of Dependency Benefits, or through errors in applications for benefits or allotments.

In a large portion of the inquiries there is no record of either an application for the family allowance or an authorization for a Class E Allotment being received. Often this is due to improperly addressed authorizations or applications. Some applications from overseas have arrived as much as 151 days after the date on the document, and some from domestic sources have arrived as much as 35 days after the date on the application.

Many cases of alleged family allowance applications show that upon approval of the Act some soldier filed informal applications with his organization in the field in order to establish a filing date for his formal application to be filed later, and those subsequent applications have not been executed and submitted to the Office of Dependency Benefits.

The Office of Dependency Benefits points out that Army personnel should submit authorizations for Class E allotments or applications for family allowances to the Office of Dependency Benefits, 213 Washington Street, Newark. N. J. Applications for the family allowance should be made by the soldier whenever possible to avoid duplication. The family allowance application is identified as W. D. A. G. O. Form No. 625, available at Army posts, camps or stations, at any of the nine Service Command Headquarters, at local chapters of the American Red Cross and at the Office of Dependency Benefits.

"A relative or dependent before making application for the family allowance should write to the soldier to make sure that duplicate applications are not made. Having determined that no application has been made by the soldier, the relative or dependent then may obtain the proper form from any of the sources listed for the soldier and

lions of checks mailed. At present, | and meeting the requirements of the law as to relationship and depend-

> Obviously, all applications for the family allowance do not meet the requirements of the law. Many persons seem to think that payments are due them simply because they are the father or mother of a soldier.

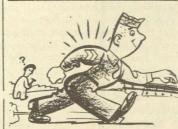
> Another misunderstanding among dependents is in regard to the effective date of family allowances and allotments. Neither is paid in

> A family allowance begins to accrue the first day of the month following that in which it is applied for and is actually payable after the end of that month. Thus, an application for family allowance made in January becomes effective February 1 and the first check is payable March 1.

> The Class E allotment, which can be made only by officers or enlisted men, is payable after the end of the month in which it begins, since it comes out of pay which accrues during that month. Thus, the Class E allotment authorized in January is payable at the end of January.

Another frequent error on the part of dependents or soldiers applying for the family allowance or Class E allotment is the omission of essential information, such as the soldier's Army Serial number to properly identify him; the correct address of the dependent to whom payments are to be made, or in family allotment cases, the omission of required documentary evidence to establish the relationship of the individual to the soldier.

The Office of Dependency Benefits points out that applications for or inquiries concerning benefits of sailors, marines or members of the Coast Guard are not handled by that office."



NEW CORPORALS

Robert E. Gillett Clarence G. Silva Rise and shine

If You Come from North Dakota or Were Born in Old K. C.

There's a cookie box awaiting neath the Chaplain's covered desk for the patients from that region and the cigarettes are free just because a kindly lady dropped around one afternoon to visit Sergean Lyn Mc-Creary but he had left too soon for the hospital in Brigham and his absence proves a boon.

The North Dakota lady and her partner from K. C. had a kind thought for the patients-left the cigarettes to ye. If you're yearning for a camel and hate to walk a mile call at the Chaplain's office and get one with a smile.

But hurry for the cookies-they'll not last very long. The office staff likes cookies-their appetites are strong.

Mrs. Ingebord Bunderud is the lady from Dakota and Miss Josephine Ingerman was born in old K. C.

We thank the gracious ladies.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

Saturday and Sunday: February 6 and 7:

SEVEN SWEETHEARTS - Van Heflin and Marsha Hunt. Also Short Subjects.

Tuesday and Wednesday;

February 9 and 10:

HERE WE GO AGAIN-Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy. Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday;

February 11 and 12:

WHITE CARGO-Hedy LaMarr and Walter Pidgeon. Also Short Subjects.

Saturday and Sunday:

February 13 and 14:

PLAYMATES-Kay Kyser and Lupe Velez. Also Short Subjects.

FOR MEN ONLY

The Great Gildersleeve says it isn't true that married men live longer than single men. It only seems

Red Skelton has his troubles with rationing. Says he: "My tires aren't so good. The air is starting to show through."

Bob Hope defines a Rhumba as "A dance where the front of you goes along nice and smooth like a Cadillac and the back of you makes like a jeep."

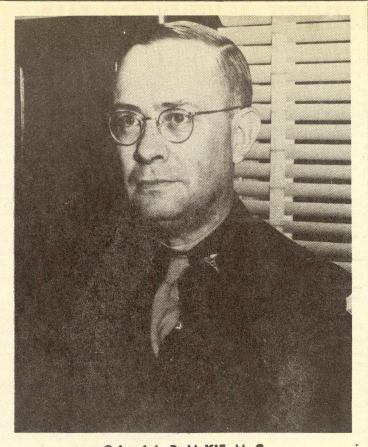
NEW BAXTER HOSPITAL

(Continued from page one) 12, 1861, and was appointed brigade surgeon April 4, 1862. Later the same year he was ordered to Washington and placed in charge of Campbell General Hospital and later assigned to the newly organized provost marshal general's bureau. He received the brevet of colonel of volunteers for meritorious service during the war. Appointed a Lieutenant Colonel in the regular Army July 20, 1867, he became chief medical purveyor March 12, 1872, and was promoted to Colonel June 23, 1874. Later a General, Baxter was appointed Surgeon General August 16, 1890. He died December 4, 1890.

General Baxter's traditions of service are being carried on at Baxter Hospital under Colonel Alva B. Mc-Kie, Commanding Officer. Colonel McKie is a native of Canton, Mississippi, where he was born on June 23, 1892. He attended the University of Mississippi and received a B.S. degree and later went to Tulane University in Louisiana where he received the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1915.

The Colonel was appointed to the Medical Reserve Corps on October 12, 1916, and appointed to the regular army in the grade of First Lieutenant on the 21st of February, 1917. He has risen through all the intermediate grades and on June 26, 1941, was promoted to the grade of Colonel in the Medical Corps, United States Army. The Colonel's service began with a course in the Army Medical School from where he went to serve on the Rio Grande River above Brownsville, in 1917. When the First Division was formed in 1917 he was assigned to the 26th Infantry and went overseas with that organization and remained with it until June, 1918. He subsequently served with the Base Section Headquarters in London and with the 90th Division of the Army of Occupation. He later served at Antwerp, Belgium, Tours and Paris, France, returning to the United States in December, 1919.

The Colonel next served at Oteen General Hospital until it was transferred to the Veterans Administration in December, 1920, from where he went to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver until July, 1925. His next station was Fort McDowell for one year and then Letterman Gen-



Colonel A. B. McKIE, M. C. Commanding Officer, Baxter General Hospital, and former **Executive Officer at Letterman.**

Letterman for the Philippines where he was on the Medical Service at Sternburg Hospital in Manila for three years.

On his return to the United States he served two years at Fort Francis E. Warren, four years at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., and again at Letterman Hospital for nearly two years before being assigned to Baxter Hospital as Commanding Officer.

The Colonel has the Mexican Border and World War Service Medals, Decoration of the Purple Heart and a Silver Star Citation.

Colonel McKie has been in Spokane for several months organizing the hospital and staff to carry out the hospital program. In commenting on the organization to be stationed at Baxter, he stated, "The professional staff of doctors has been selected from the cream of the medical profession of the United States, each one thoroughly trained and well experienced in his special field. The nursing service will consist of a fine group of our country's bestfive years from 1926 to 1931. He left to perform thorough nursing care, cal treatment and care.

San Francisco (CNS) picked up in the future by the local canine catcher no longer face death if not bailed out of the canine clink. Woofers who can stand the gaff will be turned over to the armed forces for training for sentry duty. (As though the services didn't have enough chow hounds already-Ed.)

Yonkers, N. Y. (CNS) — The mayor's dog had to be "bailed" out of the city pound recently. The pooch got friendly with another canine owned by Miss Helen Small. She called the ASPCA to lock up the strange pooch little realizing that it was the mayor's. Hizzonner had to fork over \$2.10 to free his dog.

And the enlisted men who will assist in the care of the sick have received thorough training in special schools before being assigned to this letesque number which made sport type of work."

Equipped and staffed to maintain and provide any type of treatment for any type of case, Baxter General Hospital takes a place in the directory of army general hospitals to help preserve the reputation the eral Hospital where he served for trained nurses, sufficient in number Army enjoys for excellence in medi-

'THIS IS THE ARMY'

(Continued from page one) wit and the kind of hearty satire which is only possible when you have a soldier-civilian relationship to satirize.

A pretty solid example is the moment very shortly after the show opens when a soldier turns toward the audience and says: "Who are all those people out there anyway? Civilians?"

The opening song, "This is the Army," establishes the tone of the show. The winning of the war is tough, it seems to imply, but we are the men who can do it. The chorus of 120 is convincing enough for anyone's money.

There is the same kind of sentiment in the show as there is in a soldier. "I'm Getting Tired So I Can Sleep" and "I left my Heart at the Stage Door Canteen" are numbers in the traditional Irving Berlin sentimental vein, but they're among his best, especially the latter.

The early part is set up like the old-time minstrel show with an interlocutor, two end men and the chorus behind for support. There is an amusing ditty called "My Sergeant and I" which, as you might imagine, makes it rough for the sergeant.

Sergeants Ezra Stone, Julie Oshins and Phil Truex (the director and two of the outstanding comedians) do another one called "The Army's Made a Man Out of Me," a good natured acceptance of the hastening of the growing up process administered by the Army.

Then there is the Ladies of the Chorus number which takes advantage of the fact that short soldiers. long soldiers, gawky soldiers and fat soldiers are bound to be funny dressed up as chorus girls. They

One of the most stirring moments comes in the finale to the first act. the rugged "How about a Cheer for the Navy?" bringing Secretary Knox into the picture and a stage full of "sailors" as heartening as anything you've ever seen.

"That Russian Winter" was a balof Herr Hitler's weather problems in the Soviet, "What the Well-Dressed Man in Harlem Will Wear" explained that upon Lenox Avenue top hat and tails have been put away in favor of Army drab, and "Stage Door Canteen" was a production number which lampooned

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THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL BLOOD NEEDED

Reports from our fighting fronts leave no doubt as to the value of blood plasma in saving lives of wounded soldiers and sailors.

Major General James C. Magee, Surgeon General of the Army, gives plasma credit for saving hundreds of lives. Returning recently from a flying trip to North Africa, he told of one case in which four hundred men were badly burned aboard ship during one of the North African landings. All except six were saved.

"Blood plasma," says General Magee, "gets the credit to a very large degree.

Major Simon Warmenhover, now in New Guinea, lists plasma and sulfa drugs as the most important factors revolution-

izing wartime surgery.
"Our medical men of 1917 and 1918 simply couldn't believe what we are doing in this remote jungle," he says. "Blood plasma gets A-1 priority right up to the battle lines. We need it, all we can get, right now."

Further evidence of the value of emergency plasma transfusions is the recent Army-Navy request that the Red Cross provide four million pints of blood this year in addition to the 1,300,000 pints already procured.

The procuring of such a vast amount of blood is a tremendous responsibility, requiring the wholehearted support of the public. Greatly increased amounts are needed NOW, and those who are willing to donate a pint for the Army and Navy may do so with the full assurance that their contribution, so easily given, may be life of a fighting man.



Something that looks like a pipe cutter parked on the path leading to the fountain in the garden. Has been there for over a week and could be a surrealist monument.

An empty chair in the office of Major Joseph S. McGuinness who has been sick in quarters for several days. No one else can fill that chair

Pvt. Jacob "Buddy" Baer, from his great height, looking down on everyone along the corridor.

A note from Colonel Brooks C. Grant asking that his paper be sent to him at his new location with the headquarters of the XIII Corps at Rrovidence, R. I.

Also a letter from Lt. Col Patrick J. Ryan, Chaplain with the Forces in Africa, making the same request Such popularity must be deserved.

The daily cribbage game during the noon hour about to become a twosome unless a replacement is found for Capt. Arnone.

A Chief Nurse, tall and erect, who walks along with folded arms, Indian fashion.

St. Sgt. Goldstein, assistant to the War Bond officer, demonstrating his ability as a salesman. Our standing is going up.

THIS IS THE ARMY

(Continued from page three) Jane Cowl, Vera Zorina, Noel Coward, Gypsy Rose Lee and the Lunts in a fashion to which they are unaccustomed.

There's all that and much more. It would hardly be possible here to tell about all the good things in "This is the Army." You'll just have to see it yourself if you're lucky enough to get seats.

All in all, "The Army" is a show of infinite spirit, infinite humor and infinite good taste. It's doing a job for Army morale, and, what's maybe more important, civilian morale. It's an uproarious evening."

the direct means of saving the



Lieut. Frances Ewing, Supervisor of Surgery, is right proud of the manner in which her two assistants acquitted themselves in a radio quiz program on Monday evening. Miss Ewing has not said so in words but it is evident that Miss Barbara Walker and Margaret McWeeneyalso still a Miss-may have anything within her domain.

Now that we are officers in this man's army perhaps we should omit the Miss or the Mrs. as the case may be and stick to military titles.

Lieuts. Janet Richards and Vivien E. Cogswell have left us for their new station at Hammond General Hospital, Longview, Texas.

Comes a letter from 1st Lieut. Vera S. Logan, Chief Nurse, telling of her transfer from Camp Wheeler to the Station Hospital at the Army Air Base, Birmingham, Alabama. Quoting her "It is some little job to open a hospital, I found." Unquote.

As a rumor trickles in that 1st Lieut. Orah D. Stephenson, formerly of our gang and more recently Chief Nurse at Camp Stewart, Georgia, is about to be changed to a station in Florida. Apparently those frequent visits to our rival state have had results. . .

Lieut. Helen E. Strammer has rejoined the staff here after a brief tour at Fort Mason.

Lieut. Frances Wagner is still the charge nurse on Ward "G"-and likes it.

> BUY PLENTY OF BONDS TO BUST THE BUMS



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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In the Post Chapel:

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, February 7, 1943

Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

It's a Boy at the Maurice Brices

We have just been informed of the arrival of Raymond Rue Brice at the Childrens' Hospital in San Francisco on January 12, 1943.

Lieut, Maurice R. Brice was stationed at Letterman for more than a year in the capacity of assistant to the Post Quartermaster. He left in September 1942 for station in Alabama and more recently got himself an APO number.

His plaint on sailing was "And for months I will not know whether I have a son or daughter."

According to formula-mother and babe are doing well.

The Stork Was Here

To Sgt. and Mrs. Carl L. Weidert, a son, Carl Ludwig Weidert, III, born January 25, weight four pounds fourteen ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Robert E. McMahon, a son, Robert Emmett McMahon, Jr., born January 28, weight eight pounds one ounce.

. . .

To Private and Mrs. James Acklin, a son, James Sam Acklin, Jr., born January 30, weight seven pounds one and one-half ounces.

To Private and Mrs. Charles E. Tabor, a son, Eugene Charles Tabor, born January 30, weight seven pounds, one and one-half ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Archie D. Fineout, a daughter, Sharon Diana Fineout, born January 31, weight eight pounds.

To Private and Mrs. Charles F. Casey, a daughter, born February 2, weight seven pounds, three ounces.

Serve in Silence



Pvt. ROBERT P. HAUPT

Buck, this week, is none other than that walking 'book catalogue,' Private Robert Peter Haupt. Robert, better known as Bob, is the living answer to all questions as to "What's good to read?" and "Who wrote it?" That's right, Bob works in the Letterman Library.

Private Haupt was not always a librarian, however, for in his home town of Morton Grove, Illinois, he worked as a butcher. But now we are getting ahead of our story. Bob was born in Morton Grove, Illinois on September 19, 1917 and attended grammar and high school there majoring in Commerce. After leaving high school Bob found employment as a butcher and worked at his trade right up to the time he received that nationally known "Letter" which started with the word-"Greetings . .

.... " Bob entered the service at Camp Grant, Illinois on March 2. 1942 and, after a two week stay, he migrated to Camp Barkeley, Texas. He received his basic training at Camp Barkeley, and upon completing the course, he was sent to Letterman Hospital where he has been comfortably ensconced ever since.

Being gregarious by nature, Pvt. Haupt invited his fiancee out here for a visit. They decided two could live as inexpensively as one and decided to be married. They were married in the post chapel December 26, 1942. The Haupts are now living in the Richmond district of the city and are as happy as two people can possibly be.

Butchering did not take up all of Bob's time in Morton Grove, as he can boast of a place on the 1940 championship bowling team of that city. His pet hobby?---Oh, Bob likes to read in his spare time.

BE A NAZI KILL-JOY MORE BONDS FOR MORE BOMBS

BUCK OF THE WEEK PFC. O'BRIEN DEMONSTRATES THAT SOLDIERS CAN ASK QUESTIONS, TOO!

you. By the way, what was it you in the eye of Oliver O'Brien, Private First Class, as he left for a week-end pass.

Oliver got to town a half-hour later and dropped into a bar. Pretty soon a civilian said, "Hiya, soldier. Nice day."

"Yup," Oliver admitted.

"What outfit you . . . " the civilian began.

"Where you from?" interrupted Oliver.

"Me? Oh, I'm from a nearby city. What outfit?"

"What are you doing down here?" snapped Oliver, briskly.

"Oh, came down on a little business," said the civilian. There was surprise in his voice.

"What was the nature of the business?" asked Oliver.

"Well, I don't mind telling you, soldier. I came down to see my wife's lawyer about some prop-erty she owns."

"Ah, you're married?"

"Oh, sure, what outfit did you say you . . .

"Do you like your wife?" "Huh?" He looked a bit rattled.

"Ah, I see. Got another wo-man, eh, you rascal!"

"Hey, listen here, soldier . . ."

"Aw, now, don't apologize to me, pal. I know how it is. I've been around. Got any children?"

"Certainly, I've got children.

"Legitimate or illegitimate?" "Say, you listen to me, you young . .

"Okay, brother. Don't answer if it will incriminate or degrade

"Oh, pardon me just a second, may I ask what that funny looking thing on your watch chain

"That's my lodge charm. I don't see anything funny about it. Well, I better mosey along."

"Where you going?"

"Home, damn it, you inquisi-

tive . . ."
"What are you going to do when you get home? Where did you get that necktie? What does the red stripe in the hatband mean? Have you stopped beating your wife? Ever been convicted of a felony . . . ?"

felony . . . ?"
"Why, I've never been so insulted in my life! Young man, what do you mean by asking a perfect stranger such impertinent

questions?"

"Well, I tell you, mister," said Oliver O'Brien, "It's like this. I've been in this man's Army now going on a year and a half and every time I go on pass it seems like every other civilian I run into thinks he has a right as a taxpayer to ask me the gol-darnedest questions about my personal affairs and private life.

"I get asked first what unit I belong to, although any civilian that can read a newspaper ought to know by now that a soldier isn't supposed to give out infor-mation like that. Then I get asked where I come from, what I did before I joined the Army, what I do in the Army, what my unit does, where it's going after we leave here. I just thought I'd come to town today and ask a civilian a few sassy questions. Thanks, buddy, good-by.





Miss JAYNIE E. BELCHER 1st Lieut., A. N. C.

Very much in the way most of her friends would expect her to do it Miss Jaynie E. Belcher, not too long ago appointed to the rank of first lieutenant and chief nurse, and long before that for a long time the charge nurse on Ward D-1, quietly snapped the lock on her foot locker and moved off to her new station at Fort MacArthur.

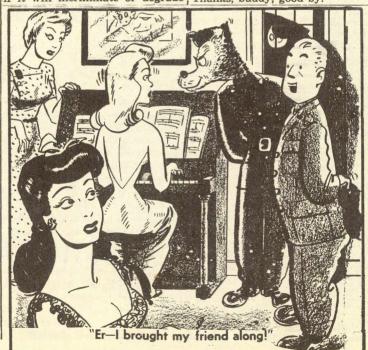
In the days of long ago when the patients on D-1 took up residence with a reasonable assurance of receiving their mail there for a long time Miss Belcher endeared herself to the 'gang" by her untiring interest in everything pertaining to their well being. She was not the stern and stiff charge nurse to them but merely their good friend "Aunt Jaynie." Her soft Virginia tone was adequate to handle any situation developing within her realm and she never had occasion to raise her voice.

Lieut. Belcher was a paradox in that she could be soft and hard at the same time. Always gentle in the administration concerning the affairs of "her boys" she could maintain discipline with a firm hand and there was a glint in her eye telling all too plainly that "Aunt Jaynie" meant business. Needless to remark, there were no problems of discipline on Ward D-1 and do we have to add? the members of the gang were no panty waists.

There are a lot of the folks here at Letterman who would like to know how Miss Belcher enjoys her new station but all of us know she would rather remain at L.G.H.

Aunt Jaynie has the best wishes of all of us for always wherever she serves and we hold the thought that some day she may come back to us.

BE A BLOOD DONOR TODAY SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW



A welcome is extended Private Arthur A. Stockman, who reported to this station for duty during the week.

Best of luck and success to the following men who left this station for parts unknown during the week: Corporal David L. Witter and Privates Donald R. Figg, Mark L. Gnosca, Harry Goldsmith, Paul Jones, Samuel Pecanti, and Gasper S. Smith.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Luverne D. Boland and Martin W. Tolzmann, appointed Sergeants; D. M. Farling, appointed Technician Fourth Grade; Robert E. Greely and Frederick C. Hill, appointed Technicians Fifth Grade; and Dale C. Kaufman and Bert Liebert, appointed Privates First Class.

On Sunday, February 3rd, at 7:00 p. m., Corporal Lou D. Slott will wed Miss Ruth Raskin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Raskin of Los Angeles, California. Acting as Best Man for the Groom and Maid of Honor for the Bride will be S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein of this Detachment and Miss Bertha Raskin, sister of the Bride. The couple will be wed by Rabbi Irving F. Reichert. Congratulations and best wishes to you both

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Former Cpl., and now Sgt., Ralp'n M. (Rabbit) Mason really covering ground now that he has that extra stripe.

S/Sgt. Gabriel Hendricks doing new business in a new location. Ward S-1's loss is the P and P's gain.

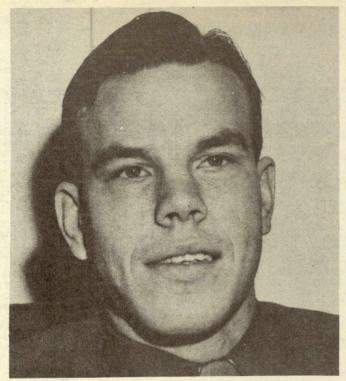
S/Sgt. Thomas R. Bell recuperating from a recent operation. However, nothing serious, and Sgt. Bell is well on the road to recovery.

Pvt. Lewis S. Villa trying to explain how he acquired the now multi-colored optic he sports.

Sgt. Buford Folsom, one of the latest to turn "bowling addict," sporting a new bowling ball and improving his game noticeably.

Serve in Silence

DETACHMENT OFFICE HAS ITS OWN 'EXPEDITER' IN ST. SGT. BELL



LEONARD P. BELL Staff Sergeant, Med. Dept.

cer to the First Sergeant in the Detachment Office, Staff Sergeant west, as does the 1st Sgt. And whereas they come from neighboring states, Iowa and Missouri, the midwest front is a solid one in the Detachment Office. So suggestions from this source are that when seeking a three day pass or the equivalent, don't barge into the office of the 1st Sgt. and 'start slinging slurs' at the University of Iowa football team or the corn crop in Missouri. It isn't healthy, and certainly not intelligent if you intend to get the pass.

When it comes to the execution of an order from the Detachment Commander or the 1st Sgt., Sgt. Bell has earned the name of "Herman the Efficient" from his fellow workersand efficient he is. He has proven a real office manager by lifting a great part of the load of the office routine from the shoulders of the 1st Sgt. to leave him free for more important matters of the command. The general opinion of those who work with him is that he is "Ace High" in what ever he does.

Sgt. Bell was born in Pleva, Mon-

Ranking Non Commissioned Offi- | doesn't count as home however, because his family moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota before he had his Leonard P. Bell comes from the mid- first birthday. Minneapolis was home for six years, and then the family packed up and moved again-this time to Mason City, Iowa. Bell attended the public schools there, graduating from Mason City High School in 1935. With Civil Engineering in mind he attended University of Iowa for three years and dropped out only when his finances reached the too low mark.

> Bell obtained odd jobs and put himself through business college, graduating in 1939. A position as a secretary with an oil company in Los Angeles was Bell's first offer, and with Engineering ever in the back of his mind, he decided to take the job so that he might earn enough to complete his schooling.

One thing Sgt. Bell did not reckon with was the Army. February 17, 1941 found him Pvt. Leonard P. Bell and facing an Army future for the duration and six months. Bell was assigned to the Receiving Office for and worked there until April, 1942. Since that time he has been on duty tana, October 3, 1918. He says that in the Detachment office. He was girls." Sgt. Bell is still looking.

SPECIAL

The first of the month saw the arrival of most of the new students for this school. Again they came from an Eastern Airbase, still fresh from civilian life, to become Army Technicians. These few days before classes commence are being spent in a streamlined basic training . . . litter drill . . . bedmaking . . . arrangement of footlockers . . . and school of the soldier. The Detachment welcomes these men and hope they make the most of the advantages offered in the various schools.

The pathetic note of the week-Cpl. Dan Mahoney-the terror of the C.Q. office-groaning on his sick bed in Ward 6. Seems he caught a cold last week while trudging back and forth in the California "dew."

The March of Dimes program sponsored this week and climaxing in the pay line Monday, was a great success with a total of little more than \$38. Many thanks are extended to the civilian employes in the office, Officers and enlisted men of the Student and Detachment Personnel,

This week the lucky Non-Com. is T/4th Gr. Joe Garnand, who went on convoy to the South and has a few days delay in L. A. to visit his family and see the sights again in the "Movie City."

Where does T/4th Gr. William Herzog go on his nights off the Post with his little bundle of groceries? Perhaps the G.I. food doesn't agree with him.

And now Sgt. Donald Stone announces that soon the wedding bells will be ringing for him. Is it true?

promoted to Corporal in May, 1942, Sergeant in July, 1942 and Staff Sergeant in September of the same year.

Bell has taken up roller skating as a hobby and has employed the same determination to excel in this sport that he does with everything he undertakes. And his figure skating is really something to watch. As the duty upon reporting at Letterman 1st Sgt. puts it, "Bell has another hobby and that is making the acquaintance of only 'corn-fed' Iowa

Our Keglers Win a Brand New Title-Three Time Winners

The Letterman bowling team won three games straight from the Fillmore Recreation Club at the Broadway-Van Ness Lanes with games of 1019, 918, 909. These three games the Fillmore team lost cost them the first place position they have held for over three weeks and moved Letterman up into a tie for fourth place.

Sgt. Henry Kuntz again was high bowler for the evening with a 640 triple, having rolled two perfect games in succession of 257 and 192, the third game was 191 with only one miss and one split. Sgt. Kuntz received a 250 medal from the Broadway-Van Ness house for his high game: Sgt. Kuntz is the only member of the Letterman team who has won a medal in the league so

Sgt. Wilcox was second high bowler with a 576 triple. He had a faultless first game of 227 and second and third games of 176 and 173. Sgt. Mottier was third high with a 570 triple, just six pins below Sgt. Wilcox. His games were 176, 192, 202. Sgt. Yohe was fourth high with a 547 with games of 188, 187, 172, and Sgt. Stevenson was very consistent with games of 171, 171, 171.

Fireman Jim Toomey was high bowler for the Fillmore team with a 567 triple, followed by Jim Dunning, 549; Russel Sorich, 537; Maurice Sorich, 536; and Harry Strong, 510.

Sgt. Kuntz faded out of the News Tournament, the last ten games of play, when he dropped from third place in the 170-184 class to sixth place. His total pinnage for fifteen games is 2978 including a 220 pin handicap. Wes Curry of Napa has gained first place with a total margin of 297 pins from his nearest rival, Ora Mayer.

LETTERMAN

Kuntz	257	192	191	640
Mottier	176	192	202	570
Stevenson	171	171	171	513
Yohe	188	187	172	547
Wilcox	227	176	173	576
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Series	1019	918	909	2846
FILLMORE REC	REA	TION		
R. Sorich	192	187	158	537
H. Strong	177	161	172	510
J. Dunning	208	172	169	549
M. Sorich	181	160	195	536
J. Toomey	188	213	166	567
Series	946	903	960	2600

RED CROSS RELIEVES ITS ABLEST SOCIAL WORKER FROM LGH STAFF



Miss ESTHER BOYD Red Cross Social Service Worker on the Letterman Staff with a topflight rating from all departments.

To those who have had the pleasure of being associated with Miss Esther Boyd and enjoying the opportunity to observe her at work the thought naturally arises that as a youngster she must have been one of those girls who would cut across a lawn or go under or over a fence rather than around such an obstacle. It is a proclivity usually found in "tomboys" but we do not for a moment imply such a character for our heroine of the week.

For the past year Miss Boyd, in her capacity as a social service worker on the Red Cross staff, has demonstrated that the title "worker" is most appropriate for her. It is her ability to cut corners in reaching an objecive that has enhanced her usefulness to the command and red tape-the bane of too many welfare agencies-just melts at her approach. If you question the metaphor we repeat that red tape just sizzles and melts in her vicinity. If you know the lady you will agree.

One of the departments in this hospital has a real need for social service and it is the Outpatient Service. It is here the dependents of the enlisted men come for medical treatment and all too often there is a social aspect of the case which when handled by a competent social her experience includes editorial service worker assists materially in bringing about a speedy cure. Miss Boyd has done an excellent job in that connection. During her assignment to that department she has cooperated to the fullest with the medical authorities and earned their gratitude and appreciation for her success in finding a ready solution to practically all of the social problems arising there.

The Chief of the Outpatient Service and the Post Chaplain share the conviction that any social situation was ninety per cent cleared as soon as Miss Boyd began to work on to replace her.

Washington. She trained at the New gret at her departure.

Y. M. C. A.



PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO

Saturday, February 6

8:00 p.m. DANCE to the music of the HAMILTON FIELD OR-CHESTRA.

Sunday, February 7

6:00 p.m. Feature movie "THE MAN WHO COULD WORK MIRACLES" with Roland Young, Joan Gardner, Ralph Richardson.

7:20 p.m. SINGSPIRATION.

7:40 p.m. Evening Meditation with Chaplain Bell.

8:15 p.m. LOBBY MUSICAL PRO-GRAM, with the VICTRI-OLETTES, Lucille Udovich, Soloist.

Reading and writing rooms, pianos, gymnasium, swimming pool, and showers are available for all Service Men.

Marine Headquarters, Guadalcanal -Lt. Dan I. Gaede, Air Force, heard an air raid warning, so he dived into a foxhole.

Bumping into a U.S. Naval officer he said, "Sorry, my name's Dan Gaede."

"My name's Dan C. Gaede," replied the Navy man.

They were cousins but had never met

York School of Social Work and then took a post graduate course at the Smith College School of Social Work. She has done research work in the field of economics and sociology and work on the Encyclopedia of Social

In private life Miss Boyd is the wife of Dr. Walter Bromberg, on active duty as a Lieut. Comdr. in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Navy.

As this edition of the FOGHORN was ready to go to press it was learned that Miss Boyd was being relieved from the social service staff of Letterman. Plans for her immediate future have not been disclosed. Her ability and her efficiency made her a genuine asset to the command and it will not be easy

She takes with her the best wishes Miss Boyd is a native of Seattle of the personnel of this hospital and a graduate of the University of deeply tinged with a feeling of re-

News From Your Own Home Town

Albany, Cal. (CNS)—A job is open here and since there are very few men available, women are being considered. But there is no long line of applicants. The job is for a "rat catcher."

Birmingham, Ala. (CNS)—Two boys set fire to some curtains in a church "just to see 'em blaze."

Brooklyn (CNS) — Allen and Burton Tannenholz, equestrians (horsemen, to you) rode their mounts at excessive speed on a bridle path in Prospect Park. They were fined for reckless riding.

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS)—"Giving the country back to the Indians" has started. Federal Judge John Knight has ruled that a New York State law of 1922 is null and void, so mining leases on the Tonawanda Indian Reservation held by the National Gypsum Co. no longer are valid. The U. S. Government sued on behalf of the Tonawanda tribe.

Columbia, S. C. (CNS)—Olin D. Johnston, new Governor of South Carolina, came out for State-wide prohibition in his inaugural address.

Denver (CNS)—Mike Galvert, 80, "mailed" a letter in a fire alarm box and started five companies rolling.

Denver (CNS) — Violet Odell Kienetz was arrested and fined \$300 for wearing a uniform which looked like a WAAC's.

Evansville, Ind. (CNS)—A bus was being pushed off Main street and as it crept along it hit a light pole which toppled and struck Mrs. Myrtle Myers. She died.

Indianapolis, Ind. (CNS) — Members of a boys club here have given up \$1,105.11 which would have bought candy, ice cream, movies and pie and bought a jeep for the Army.

Indianapolis, Ind. (CNS)—A war worker fell and broke his artificial limb, but couldn't get a new one because of metal priorities. His fellow workers got busy and fashioned him a new one of scrap.

Manhattan, Kas. (CNS)—Helen Wills Roark (known to you guys as Helen Wills, ex-gal tennis champ) tried to stop a dogfight and got both her hands nipped.

Minneapolis (CNS) — Weather here went completely haywire when snow, rain, wind, sunshine, 12 below and 36 above temperatures all were recorded in one day.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Day by day this organization is drawing ever closer to its goal, that coveted "E" pennant, which shows that 90% of our employes are investing 10% of their salaries in the War movement. It is with mingled pride and pleasure that we list the following employes and military personnel, who have signed up during the past few days, and we hope that their efforts will bring added stimulus to our campaign:

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Stefano Ferraccioli June Kolar **Ruth Cames** Helen Barnum Annie Mass Annie Weinberg Thelma Myers Sidney Brazier Ella Beeson Sarah Bedel **Charlotte Saxon** Margaret Orton Mary Jackson James Collins Modesto Grelli Norma B. Williams Anna Wiatrowski Mollie B. Head

Annie W. Smith Elenore E. Dorman **Betty Reed** Amy W. Harkness Diana G. Carter Camille Holtz Carolyn C. McKittrick Consetta Campagna Blanche Beckner Eileen Kerr Mollie Chrystal Elizabeth Maasberg Louise Armstrong Alice McGinley Cora Crooks Belle C. Waite Jennie Bromberg Stella R. Hayes

MILITARY PERSONNEL

2nd Lt. Betty J. Scheave, ANC
T/Sgt. Clyde Lester
Sgt. Beuford Folsom
Sgt. Joseph J. Slusarski
T/4 Harold E. Ebel
T/4 Leo Gustafson
T/4 Warren Grones
T/4 Stephan Bruzzone
T/4 Samuel Terravecchia, Jr.
T/4 Donald A. McNaughton
T/4 Norman A. Wallace
T/5 John R. Davis
Pfc. Israel Kulak
Pfc. James S. Carender
Pfc. Angelo J. Rossi
Pvt. Jerome G. Vitetta



Sports Slants From Other Camps

Pvt. Mike Gulien, All-American tackle and captain of the 1923 Brown University football team, is taking the Volunteer Officer Candidate course at Ft. Eustis, Va.

Bernie Carnevale, 1938 New York University basketball captain, has been serving as an ensign on convoy duty. Recently his ship was torpedoed by an Axis sub and he spent four and one half days in a life boat with his gun crew, but was landed in due course at a South American port.

Drivin' Pete Tinsley, Green Bay Packers guard for the past five seasons, and former University of Georgia All-American, is at the Ft. Sheridan (III.) Reception Center awaiting assignment. Pete tried to enlist in the Army directly after Pearl Harbor, but was rejected because of a scarred eardrum.

A former Notre Dame gridironer recently recalled some prophetic words by Knute Rockne on a homeward journey from West Point in 1925, after Army had administered a 27-0 shellacking to the "Fighting Irish." Said Rockne, "I know you fellows feel bad, but I want you to remember one thing: If we ever go to war, God help the fellows who ever tackle them!" On that 1925 Army team were Brig. Gen. LaVerne (Blondy) Saunders, Brig. Gen. Emmet (Rosey) O'Donnell and Maj. Trap Trapnell, all decorated for distinguished service in this war, and Capt. Moe Daly, captured with Maj. Trapnell by the Japs in the Philippines, and Art Meehan, killed there.

Two national league outfielders—Ervin Dusak, of the St. Louis Cardinals, and Frank McElyea, of the Boston Braves, are at the Reception Center, Ft. Sheridan, III. Dusak, whose home is in Chicago, began and finished the 1942 season with the champs—playing in between with Rochester, N. Y., of the International league. McElyea, who hails from Carmi, III., became a Brave in August, 1942. Before that he played in the Kitty, Three-Eye and Eastern leagues.

Another Brave heard from!
"Big Ed" Brandt, former major
league southpaw with Boston
Braves, Pittsburgh Pirates, and
Brooklyn Dodgers is in the Armored Force and stationed at
Ft. Knox, Ky.

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Colonel Kirk Opens **New Percy Jones** General Hospital

The Percy Jones General Hospital, one of the newer installations under the Army Medical Department, located at Battle Creek, Michigan, was opened for patients in January 15, 1943, when a group of patients was transferred from the Fort Custer Base Hospital.

The Battle Creek "Inquirer and News" printed the following story on the opening ceremonies.

"For the opening review and flagraising ceremony, which began shortly after 9:30 a. m., officers, nurses, and some 40 or 50 enlisted nen attached to the hospital staff stood in the snow and cold on the ront walk leading to the main en-

A review of the soldiers and jurses opened the ceremony. Col. Vorman T. Kirk, hospital commandr; Maj. Albert C. Krukowski, excutive officer; Lieut. Col. Walter A. Martin, chief of the medical serice; Lieut. Col. Robert H. Kennedy. hief of the surgical service, and ieut. Col. Ingolf H. Hauge, chief of he dental service, reviewed the taff. Then, to the call to colors, a arge silk flag was raised.

Col. Kirk, in a brief message to is command, said:

'We have long been waiting for day. In fact, we expected this ocasion last October, but there have een a number of unavoidable delys. I am deeply appreciative of ne high morale, the hard work and ne loyalty you have shown during is trying period of preparation nd adjustment, and I am' confident nat if you continue to show the ime morale, interest in your work, nd loyalty to the hospital, we will ave the next to best, if not the



Shrapnel and lead and guard make me blue, But, Darling, I'm fighting for Freedom—and you.

Col. Joseph E. Bastion, of Chicago, chief of the medical section of the 6th Service Command, was present, but did not take part in the reviewing. He, with the two Fort Custer officers and hospital officers, made a tour of inspection, after which Col. Bastion went to Fort Custer to inspect the base hospital before returning to Chicago. * * *

Col. Kirk has tentatively set the date for formal dedication of the new hospital for February 22, at which time there will be a ceremony with high ranking military visitors and others taking part. Mrs. Percy L. Jones, widow of the officer for whom the hospital is named, will be

best, military hospital in the coun-present and will dedicate a large portrait of Col. Jones, which will hang in the main lobby.

> The main buildings of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, east of North Washington Ave., and several other buildings were purchased last year, and the Army occupied them August 1. Since that time extensive remodeling has been going on, including redecoration and reconstruction of the interiors of the main buildings to convert private rooms to wards and set up special departments; building of barracks and a loading dock on a railroad siding on the Michigan Central right of way, and cleaning and equipping of the hospital. The entire cost of the new

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New Chaplain Joins Letterman Staff

The staff of chaplains on duty at Letterman General Hospital has been increased to three with the arrival of Chaplain (1st Lieut.) Lester Lane McCammon on Wednesday of this week.

Chaplain McCammon is a native of West Alexander, Pa., and made his college course at Bethany College and his theological studies at the Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh, Pa. Following his ordination in the Presbyterian Church he was in charge of parishes at Delmont and later at Zelienople, Pa.

The chaplain reported for active duty on January 2, 1943 and attended the Chaplains' School at Harvard University for the January session. On completion of the course he was ordered to Letterman Hospital for his first duty station.

In 1929 Chaplain McCammon married Miss Elizabeth Black, of Greenburg, Pa., who has accompanied him to San Francisco.

Local Army Medical Officer Wins Medal For Gallantry

Press despatches from the Southwest Pacific announce that Lieut. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger has awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action to Captain Lloyd W. Taylor for services performed in the New Guinea sector several months

Captain Taylor, an officer of the Army Medical Corps, is reported to have stayed with his patients despite Japanese shells over a long period of time near Buna in the New Guinea campaign, and at great personal

Captain Taylor is a native of San Francisco where his wife resides at the present time.

SCIENTIFIC SALVAGE THAT SAVES THE CENTS FOR UNCLE SAM

An important department of the hospital, and an unique one in that it is the only section in which no materials whatsoever are wasted, is the Salvage and Reclamation department, Quartermaster Corps. The saw that "haste makes waste and waste makes loss" is one that does not apply in this case. The Salvage and Reclamation department thrives on any and all materials normally discarded by other departments—be it clothing or equipment or scrap metals or garbage.

Under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Hubert A. Stecker, Chief of the Quartermaster Corps, this department has grown to include every section of the hospital in one phase or another in the job to renew and replace.

To refute the general conception of the idea prevalent in the minds of many that material for salvage is material to be loaded aboard a truck and hauled to the nearest dump grounds or bay for disposal is the definition of the word itself: to salvage is the act of saving goods; the property so saved, or recompense paid for the saving of it.

When material is brought to the Salvage depot, instead of being thrown out as it once was, it is carefully sorted and graded and ultimately placed in either the repairable or non-repairable bins. If it is thought the article can be saved every measure will be taken to repair it; if non-repairable, the article will be placed on bid and sold. But one maxim prevails, "nothing will be thrown away."

When former Master Sergeant and now Lieutenant Kenneth L. Pieper enlisted last year at Letterman to begin his second enlistment in the Quartermaster Corps, the active salvage and reclamation department was in an embryonic stage of progression. The lieutenant had previous experience in the QMC and was quick to appreciate the plans of Colonel Stecker in the proposed structure of an "all out" salvage department. From an "and in addition to other duties" section with headquarters in the Quartermaster building this department has mushroomed to encompass a sorting section and headquarters in the Garage building plus a clothing repair shop as well. Accordingly the plans of Colonel Stecker were carried out and Lieutenant Pieper is now Chief of Sal-



2nd Lieut. KENNETH L. PIEPER, Q.M.C. Chief of Salvage and Reclamation.

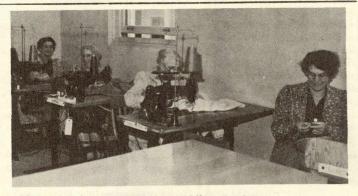


THE SORTING DESK

Left to right: Pvt. Wally Alavarez, Mrs. Stella Hayes and

Pfc. William Belikoff. The latter asks expert counsel on

whether or not he can save his shirt.



CLOTHING REPAIR SHOP
Left to right: Belle White, Cora Crooks, Louise Armstrong,
and Elizabeth Massberg at work.

vage and Reclamation under Colonel Stecker.

The lieutenant was born in Omaha, Nebraska, June 21, 1911, and has lived the full time in Omaha, attending the public schools of that city.

On September 13, 1938, Lieutenant Pieper enlisted at Fort Crook, Nebraska, in the Quartermaster Corps. His entire first enlistment was spent there, and upon discharge he assumed the role of Civilian Chief Clerk, QMC. He held this title for eight months.

Lieutenant Pieper served under Colonel Stecker at Fort Crook and when he had again made up his mind to re-enlist he came to San Francisco and once again enlisted under Colonel Stecker. This enlistment was in April, 1942.

On December 20, 1942, Master Sergeant Pieper was discharged for the convenience of the Government to accept a commission as Second Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps.

The insatiable curiosity of the lieutenant as to why something could not be done more efficiently or better instead of following well worn routine-paths is one of the admirable characteristics of this officer. Once his interest in an improvement has been kindled his pursuit of the interest does not lag until the improvement has been made or his curiosity has been satisfied that the best possible method is being employed.

As a new headquarters was needed, it was decided that the second floor of the garage building should be used. And due to prior exigencies on the carpenters of the post it was decided to use "home talent." This was readily found in Private Paul Koski who took it upon himself after the needs were made known, to construct all bins, shelves, storage closets, tables and counters. In conjunction with an idea of Lieutenant Pieper's to cut as many corners as possible-even in actual sorting of clothing-a machine has been constructed by Pvt. Koski which will save the sorting and sizing of all field caps by hand, relegating it to the Lieutenant's "dream child" to solve the problem.

Pvt. Koski, one of the early inductees into the Army was released from the service under the former "over 28 years old act" and later recalled. His home in Mendacino

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MORE ABOUT SALVAGE

(Continued from page two) County has been the scene of lumbering and carpentry most of his life. He and his brother were operating a saw mill before his induction February 29, 1941. He is a cabinet maker and carpenter in addition, and his work at the salvage department speaks highly of his experience and craftsmanship.

Under Cpl. Alfred H. Amendiz. non-commissioned officer in charge of the salvage department, Pvt. Koski and Pvt. William B. Hughes have been employed as sorters and repairmen-jacks of all trades. If a rusted bayonet or field shovel has come into the salvage department for reclamation one of them has polished. sharpened, and repainted the instrument for re-issue. To these men has fallen the burden of seeing a job done and done right.

Repair of garments is not limited to the sewing on of buttons or mending of simple rips and tears in materials. Worn cuffs and sleeves are renewed, alterations made and in many cases the complete remaking of a garment is not uncommon. When an article has been made serviceable it will be sent to the detachment supply of the hospital if needed, or the Oakland Salvage Depot for re-issue.

A monthly average of articles of clothing is from 7,000 to 10,000 pieces and the chief source from which it is obtained is from the baggage room of the hospital. Patients who are discharged because of physical disability, etc., surrender their clothing which is later turned into the Salvage department. Clothing from the detachment salvage room as well is ultimately sent to the post salvage depot for reclamation.

Mrs. Stella Haves is the civilian head of the Clothing Repair shop and has had many years employment in this type of work with the W. P. A. For five years prior to coming to Letterman as the W. P. A. supervisor, Mrs. Hayes was supervisor of one floor of the San Francisco W. P. A. Clothing Repair Shop. When the volume of articles being sent to this repair shop grew to the extent that a separate LGH shop was needed, Mrs. Hayes was sent to head it. She is assisted in the work by seven seamstresses and one en-

Prior to February, 1943, this shop was staffed and supported by the



THE HANDYMAN

Pfc. Paul Koski, the jack-of-all-trades, working on a thingamabob. He has made everything in the way of furniture used in the reclamation plant. The "gold brick" on the wall is a base slander.



WHERE RECLAMATION STARTS Cpl. Alfredo Amednariz, NCO in charge, and Pvt. William Hughes take the first look see to determine what-if anything-can be done.

all W. P. A. projects the clothing re- wet and dry-cooking grease, bottles pair shop at LGH was taken over by the Quartermaster Corps. New and better - lighted headquarters were constructed and the present modern room now occupied by Mrs. Hayes and her staff is the result.

Assisting Mrs. Hayes as the Army's representative in the clothing repair shop is Pvt. Wallace L. Alvarez. He arranges all clothing for the seamstresses to alter and forms the contact between enlisted personnel and the repair shop when clothing needs attention. To the enlisted personnel of the hospital all repairs are made free of charge.

Other items which fall under the jurisdiction of the salvage depart- it all." W. P. A. With the discontinuance of ment are garbage collection-both! The procedure for sale of all sal- away."

and jars, egg crates, all types of cloth bags and rags and boxes of all types. These items alone collect enough revenue to more than pay for the complete overhead of the department

The one item of cooking grease alone will average around two hundred dollars to the Quartermaster. And other items collected from the mess department are proportionately remunerative. According to Lieutenant Pieper much of the success for the salvage from the mess department is "due to the fine cooperation from that department-we merely arrange sale-they prepare and sort

Kennedy General Hospital Opens Its Doors to Patients

Dedication exercises at the Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, occurred on January 27.

Martial music was played by the Memphis R.O.T.C. Band for one-half hour before the arrival of the commanding general and distinguished

Lieut, Col. Hugh L. Prather presented the master of ceremonies, Mayor Walter Chandler of Memphis, who introduced Brig. Gen. Max Tvler, who made formal delivery of the Kennedy General Hospital. Gen Tyler then introduced Brig. Gen. Royal Reynolds, who accepted the hospital. The Engineer's flag was lowered and the post flag run up in its place, "The Star-Spangled Banner" being played by the band.

Chaplain (lieutenant colonel) Stephen E. Barron delivered the dedication prayer.

A message from the Surgeon General was read and was followed by an address by Dr. James B. Stanford, president of the Tennessee State Medical Association.

Miss Ethel Taylor sang "God Bless America," and prayer was offered by Chaplain Walter Dibrell.

An inspection of the hospital followed and tea was served in the patients' recreation building.

Kennedy General Hospital is named in memory of Brigadier General James Madison Kennedy who served three tours of duty as Commanding Officer of Letterman General Hospital.

vage goods is the same in the army as in civil life. Formal written bids are sent to "outside" concerns on all materials for sale and the highest bidder is the customer.

An owner of a hog farm collects all garbage for his stock; waste paper -dry and wet-is carefully segregated and sold to a news concern; a tallow company buys all grease from the kitchen for future use on our battle fronts; egg crates are returned to help alleviate any shortage in the poultry business. And so it goes down the list. The proceeds? They revert back to the source of expenditure-the Army.

One department at Letterman definitely not in the red ink side of the ledger is Salvage and Reclamation. And the reason: "Anything for salvage, but throw nothing

THE FOG HORN

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FACT, FICTION AND RUMOR

When a mixed group of men is collected from all over the country, from all walks of life, and assembled at a post for a short while without knowing when or where they are going, each man is exposed to the virus of fact, fiction and rumor.

Of the first two little need be said. Facts are government controlled and expeditiously released so as not to give aid or comfort to the enemy. Fiction is limited only by the talent of the men who create it. It is sometimes interesting, often amusing, and never really harmful.

Rumor is something entirely different. It is started by the inept and irresponsible and carried along by the malicious and gullible. It causes undue anguish to some and raises false hopes in others. It is the transmission channel of sabotage and a detriment to the war effort.

FACT — FICTION — AND RUMOR. Learn to distinguish one from the other. Heed the fact, it is authentic; enjoy the fiction, it is fun; turn a deaf ear to rumor, it is worthless, useless, and often dangerous.

The Stork Was Here

To T/4th Grade and Mrs. Victor W. Vogen, a son, Wayne Victor Vogen, born February 2, weight eight pounds, thirteen ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Lauren S. Buel, a son, Charles Samuel Buel, born February 3, weight seven pounds.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Albert W. Lane, a daughter, Patricia Louise Lane, born February 4, weight seven pounds, twelve ounces.



An order directing some of our top flight non-coms to appear before a board to consider candidates for appointment of Warrant Officers Junior Grade, All are excellent men and it is hoped our T. O. will be enlarged to permit them to remain right here after appointment.

Major William H. Fairfield, Army Air Force veteran of the Philippines, graciously offering to do his part to further the sale of War Bonds in cooperation with the United States Treasury campaign.

One of our abler civilian aides casually remarking that one of these days she would have an announcement to dispel the notion she is trying to remain a bachelor girl.

. . .

St. Sgt. Thomas A. Bell leaving for Officers' Candidate School and asking that no mention be made of his selection to go higher.

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The new gold bars on the shoulder loop of 2nd Lieut. Irving Glick, formerly Chief Warrant Officer here, who goes to the Transportation Corps. Congratulations.

The still vacant space on the Office Directory—Main Floor—where some day will appear "Army Emergency Relief—Room 209."

The fast disappearing blue smocks will vanish more quickly now that laundry service has been curtailed.

BUYING BONDS

The other night announcer Martin Block (heard on Hit Parade, Kay Kyser and Make Believe Ballroom) received a phone call from a woman listening to his "Ballroom" disc-concert. She said she was the mother of a young Merchant Marine who had just been reported lost at sea. The mother offered to invest her son's \$7,000 insurance money in War Bonds if Block's listeners would raise twice that amount during a single broadcast period. When Block signed off he had pledges for more than \$36,000 on his tally sheet.

Serve in Silence



A hearty welcome is extended to the following nurse who joined our staff this week:

Miss Janet Velma Peet was born and reared in Walsenburg, Colorado. After graduating from Boulder High School, in Boulder, Colorado, in 1934, she attended St. Luke's Training School for Nurses in Denver, doing general and private duty there after completing her training in 1937. Miss Peet then came to California where she did general duty at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Hollywood, until she joined the Army Nurse Corps on February 8, 1943.

Our best wishes to the following members of our nursing staff who left us last week for duty at new stations: Lucille Jeragek, Lucille Baker, Rosemary L. Perry, and Lorraine C. Ward.

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This week has already seen the departure of five of Letterman's nurses who are assigned to further duty: Jeanne M. Gaillard, Betty I. Baker, Margaret E. Taylor, Bertha L. Robinson, and Sally A. Zumaris. Au revoir and good luck.

1st Lieut Helene Girodon, formerly of this hospital and lately of Camp Croft, now has a new mailing address. It is 14th Station Hospital, APO 613, in care of Postmaster, New York.

PERCY JONES HOSPITAL

(Continued from page one) institution, including the purchase price of \$2,341,000 paid to the sanitarium, is less than \$4,000,000. When finished, the hospital will accommodate 1,500 patients and will have complete equipment in all departments.

Personnel of the hospital, most of whom are now on duty, will include about 75 officers, more than 700 enlisted men, 160 nurses, aides and dietitians, and 500 civilian employes.

The hospital is a permanent Army post, and its staff includes some of the outstanding general practitioners and specialists in the country."

Coi. Norman T. Kirk, commanding Creek since last Septembe Percy Jones General Hospital, was Chief of the Surgical Service at Letterman for four years prior to 1940 personnel of the command.

THE CHAPLAIIN'S

In the Post Chapel:

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, February 14, 1943

Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

INSURANCE

"Q. Why should every officer and soldier have the maximum \$10,000—of National Service Life Insurance?

A. All members of the Army should take the maximum to which they are entitled because:

1. The premium rates are extremely low.

2. It is the only complete protection available.

3. In time of war the need is great and the sacrifice and difficulty of making premium payments is relatively less than the sacrifice and difficulty to be met by the family without such protection.

4. The benefits, in the form of monthly payments, are substantial and in livable amounts when the maximum amount of protection has been taken."

THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT, SEE YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER OR INSURANCE OF-FICER NOW!

SPECIAL NOTICE

The office of the Unit Personnel Officer announces that War Savings Bonds purchased by payroll deduction during the month of January were delivered to investors on Wednesday of this week. Under the new plan all bonds will be delivered promptly. Buy a bond this month.

when he left here for a tour of duty at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington. He has been at Battle Creek since last September supervising alterations and additions to the hospital plant and organizing the

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



EDNA HELEN GIDDINGS

The old saying about shadows bethe subject exposed to the "Spot-Army?
A. Nope. light" this week because 1st Lieut. Edna H. Giddings loses none of her charm in the fierce white glow emanating from the spot.

Miss Giddings is one of our recent terman and she came to us already wearing the two black bands of a chief nurse on her starched uniform cap so we cannot claim credit for her advancement even though she is a credit to the staff.

the boss ladies of the Army Nurse Corps much after the fashion of a tourist in Washington gazing at a Supreme Court Justice. Both are heights normally attained only after many years of upward climbing.

Lieut. Giddings does much to dispel that degree of awe with her ready smile and in a few minutes awe gives way to admiration. The lady in the spotlight this week was born in Burns, Kansas, made her high school course in Buhler, Kansas, and her professional training at Grace Hospital in Hutchinson-same state. Her activities in the nursing profession were confined to her native state on general and private duty and as Medical Supervisor at Grace Hospital until she signed up for the Army Nurse Corps in May, 1941, and was assigned to station at Fort Riley, Kansas. In April, 1942, she was promoted to Chief Nurse and in the following month she was transferred to LeMoore, Calif., where she remained until ordered to Letterman in December of last

At this hospital she is one of the assistants to the Principal Chief Nurse and an asset to the command. In this war with its accent on youth,

The Inquiring Line-

Q. I was going to send a package to my brother who's overseas, but my topkick told me there was a new Regulation against this. What's the dope?

A. The topkick's right. You

may only send packages overseas that have been requested by the soldier, and then his letter must be approved by his commanding officer. This is in compliance with new Regulation, announced by Secretary of War Stimson Jan. 7 and which became effective Jan. 15. It was necessary because of the flood of packages that were taking up vital transport space.

Q. I've spent some time in the Canadian Army. Will this count ing kind to women lacks veracity in toward my retirement in the U.S.

Q. What does the reduced railroad rate for a serviceman amount to?

A. All depends how far you're going, soldier. On furlough you arrivals on the nursing staff of Let- get a reduced railroad fare of one cent a mile on a round-trip basis.

> Q. Can servicemen send parcel post packages free?

> A. No. The free mail privilege only applies to first class letter mail—not parcel post.

Q. How much is deducted from Like most humans we stand in a serviceman's pay, if his dependawe of chief nurses and look upon ents receive an allowance from

the Government under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act?

A. Twenty-two bucks a month. This deduction is made whether his dependents are in class A (wife and child, or children) or class B (parents, brother, sister, and grandchild). However, if an allowance is paid to dependents in both class A and class B, \$27 will be deducted from his pay.

Q. Can my wife join the WAACs without my consent?
A. And how!

Q. I'm going home on furlough and will need my car in order to visit most of my relatives. I don't have a gasoline ration book, so how'll I get one?

A. Apply for a temporary one at your local rationing board, when you get home. Take it easy though - gas is precious stuff these days.

Q. My girl writes that she's a WOW! Now I know she's good, but not that good! What else could she mean?

A. She could mean that she belongs to the Woman Ordnance Workers, Inc., soldier. This is a uniformed but non-military organization of women workers in armament plants whose purpose is to maintain health and promote friendship and cooperation among the workers. WOW!





Pvt. GEORGE W. COSSEY

From the numerous Cosseys of Oklahoma we draw our "Buck" this week, namely, George W. Cossey. He added his name to the list on January 27, 1916. Born in Wanette, Oklahoma in the midst of the cattle country, Pvt. Cossey attended elementary and high school there, graduating in 1934.

After graduation, the lure of the big city was strong and 1935 found Cossey knocking at the gates of Los Angeles in search of his fortune. He found employment with the Greyhound Bus Company Restaurants, and worked with this company through 1938 with the ultimate reward for his efforts of promotion to manager of the Stockton branch. One year and a half later he was transferred to Oakland as manager of that branch. Pvt. Cossey soon had the Oakland situation well in hand. and six months later received notice of an impending transfer to yet another location. Being a homeloving individual, Pvt. Cossey looked askance at this nomadic life and resigned his position.

The year 1941 found our Buck in a new field-that of gas and oil refining. He was employed by Standard Oil Company where he worked as an operator in the Hydrogenation department. Pvt. Cossey had a hand in the production of the high octane gasoline which powers our air fleets today.

Then came the "draft" and December 31, 1943 found Cossey facing his local draft board. As is customary with all good people, Pvt. Cossey's presence was desired and, after a furlough of seven days, he reported to Monterey for induction. Three days later Pvt. Cossey reported at Letterman for duty and he has since been on duty in the Receiving Office.

Pvt. Cossey married Miss Esther Korus of North Dakota in 1938. They reside in Berkeley.



SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Students by the tens—students by the hundreds (it seems) have been arriving here at the School Detachment all this week, and as classes commenced Wednesday with one of the largest enrollments on record the instructors tightened their belts, grited their teeth and started in on a tough assignment—duration of one month—and possibly longer.

With the "Freshman Class" the Medical Section of the School is putting in a new policy of instruction. For one entire first month they will attend classes as of the previous schedule, but the change will come about in the second month when the students will work on the wards every day.

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The trips inland still come, much to the elation of the Non-coms at the School. Last week Technician 5th Grade George Choate left for a hospital in one of the southern states, as did Cpl. Walter Pulling. This week 4th Grade Dudley Cook takes a trip back to the Midwest and will enjoy a delay in his hometown in Illinois, but definitely . . .

And now it is "Scarlet O'Shea" again in the limelight. Seems he is to play nursemaid for two weeks to the new students from Camp Grant who came to the Post under quarantine for Scarlet Fever. And, incidentally, who will fill his chair at the Club every night???

The same "Scarlet Scare" prompted the school permanent Detachment to move from their habitat and seek other quarters in various barracks. Gone are the games, bull sessions, and other such forms of recreation held in upper T-42.

Service men were given a treat yesterday at the show "This is the Army" and among the few fortunates on the Post were seven Noncoms of the School. Nothing but praise was given the production, and the rest of us listened, wishing we could have seen it too.

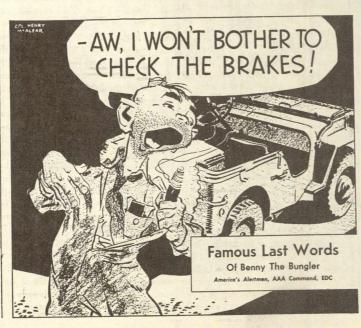
MORE BONDS FOR MORE BOMBS
TO BUST THE BUMS

BE A BLOOD DONOR TODAY SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW



MAKING A TRANSCRIPTION FOR THE MEN OVERSEAS

Max and "Buddy" Baer doing their part over here for the men "over there." Max is with the air force and Buddy is, for the time being, a patient at Letterman where he is most popular with everyone. The broadcast is sponsored by the Office of War Information.



MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for Walter T. Greenberg and James E. McDavid who were appointed Technicians Fifth Grade and Robert E. Goode, John E. Perkins and Henry D. Sanders who were appointed Privates First-Class.

A welcome is extended to: Marcial A. Barellano, Mariano T. Conte, David H. Davis, Robert T. Holt, Alfred G. Hermes, Philip N. Platz and Kenneth W. Howland.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., finally deciding, after months of search through the movie mags, that Ingrid Bergman would be the woman for him.

Pvt. Louis Urban waking half the fellows in T-36 with his "sleep-talking"—shouting would be better.

Sgt. Ralph M. ("Rabbit") Mason pleased to note that he will, in all probability, assist the new chaplain—in addition to his other duties. Between his trap-line, Kay and the new E. & R. job, Mason is really busy.

Pvt. John Mattison of the Information Office as guest of the Red Cross for coffee at the PX—and in the officers' section.

T/Sgt. Clyde Lester also having coffee at the PX, and as the guest of Mrs. Wm. Fuller. Lester claims that the shadow (mustache, he calls it) has nothing to do with Mrs. Fuller's paying the check.

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein of the Bond Office comparing notes on percentages with the insurance representatives.



NEW CORPORAL

James G. Gust. Oh, me!!

> BE A NAZI KILL-JOY BUY PLENTY OF BONDS

Keglers Slipping— Only Won Two Out Of Three Games

The Letterman Bowling team won a two out of three game series in their weekly bowling tournament when they defeated the Regal Pale Brewery, Sgt. Stevenson of the Military Police was high bowler with a 625 triple, and a high game of 223. Sgt. Kuntz was second high with a 579 triple, a 51 pin drop from last week's series.

The Medic's team is gradually getting up in pay position, having won the last ten out of twelve games. With only four more weeks of tournament play left in the league the Army team will have to win all the remainder of their scheduled games in order to grab third place.

The Medical Team has entered the San Francisco Examiner City Tournament to be held on the 20th to 28th of February. The Letterman Team won the City Championship in 1940 in the Junior Division and has not entered any since then; they have out-grown the Junior class and have to bowl in the senior division. The Letterman line-up in this tournament will be: Sgt. Kuntz, Sgt. Yohe, Sgt. Mottier, Corporal Marano and Sgt. Stevenson of the Presidio Military Police. Sgt. Wilcox will bowl only in the singles and doubles events, with Cpl. Marano as his partner.

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

Kuntz		213	197	579
Mottier	. 151	190	179	526
Yohe	. 158	160	224	542
Wilcox	. 151	154	203	508
Stevenson	. 223	220	182	
Series	858	937		2790
REGAL PALE				
Valentino			160	509
Miller	187	167	139	493
Valensolo	161	161	161	423
Irwin	. 156	181	171	598
O'Connell	. 176	188	183	547
Series	875	856	814	2480



S/Sgt. Thomas A. Bell Sgt. Walter V. Prigge Much Success!!!!

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AIDE IS ONE OF OUR TREASURED ASSETS



MISS HAZEL DONELSON Principal Occupational Therapy Aide and Principal Factor in the high morale among our patients...

Some time ago in the pages of this paper there was an article on the value of occupational therapy as a healing factor in the treatment of the mentally and physically ill. There was some description of the equipment available for the work at Letterman and a brief mention of the staff whose duty it is to supervise the work.

For a long time the intention endured to have a little more about the lady who plays such a part in the activity in our midst but for one reason or another the intention never took any other form but to paraphrase the words of the Walrus to the Carpenter-the time has come to talk not of other things but of Miss Hazel Donelson.

Digging into various sources of information without disclosing the purpose brought out that Miss Donelson is a graduate of the State Teachers' College at Greeley, Colorado, and she has been the principal occupational therapy aide at Letterman since 1931. It really makes her

comes to receptivity of new ideas. She has seen the department expand to her great satisfaction but her enthusiasm has never waned even when, in the lean days of depression years, she had little else but her hands and good will to lend aid to the ailing. When she carried on alone everyone within her scope received her individual attention. Now that she has four assistants she still finds time to exchange a word with every patient who wishes to avail himself of the facilities of the Occupational Therapy Department.

No attempt was made to interview Miss Donelson as a prelude to the writing of this article. Her well known modesty would preclude her saying a word that might give the impression of claiming credit for what the department has accomplished under her leadership. The credit is given her freely by all who are familiar with her work.

Miss Donelson is fortunate in the support of her able staff. It is one happy family striving to bring health and happiness to the patients at Letone of the oldest inhabitants in point terman. That the objective is atof service but youngest when it tained is due in great measure to

Soldier Honeymoons **During Travel Stopover**

Kansas City, Mo. (CNS) - A desk served as an altar for a marriage ceremony for a soldier and his bride here recently. Plans and arrangements were made by Miss Irene Norris of San Diego, Cal., who was afraid her flance, Cpl. Earl Snodgrass of Gary, Ind., wouldn't have time for a more extensive wedding due to the pressure of duty.

The couple were married in The Travelers Aid office of Union Station here. Cpl. Snodgrass and his bride honeymooned during his brief stopover while traveling from one post to another, then she accompanied him to his new

Mule Resents Army Motorcycle With a Kick

Camp Howze, Tex. (CNS)-An encounter with a mule was reported by S/Sgt. Raymon O. Parmer, as follows:

"On Jan. 18, I was returning on my motorcycle from Gaines-ville on Highway 77 when I saw a mule running alongside the highway. I was about two miles from the main gate to the camp. As I slowed the motorcycle to avoid hitting the mule, it ran out in front of me and started kicking. I had to turn the motorcycle over on its side in order to avoid being kicked.

"As I moved away the mule kicked out at the motorcycle, breaking the windshield and bending the fender. It then ran

Sgt. Parmer won't have to pay for his broken windshield. But the Army may sue the mule.

Pro Blood Donor Faints at Test

Lubbock, Tex. (CNS) — S/Sgt. Ralph Briant, a professional blood donor in civilian life, fainted when he went to a dispensary to have Army medics test his blood for type.

'Modern' Weapons Attacked

In Philadelphia on Feb. 11, 1776, Benjamin Franklin said the way to win battles was "Shoot 'em with arrows. Pike 'em with pikes. Keep away from firearms because smoke gets in your eyes."

UXB Means You

When you see sign "UXB"— other, beware! That means brother, beware! That means you! UXB stands for unexploded bomb!

the personality and the ability of the principal occupational therapy aide.

Miss Donelson is one of our most treasured assets.

Sports Slants From Other Camps

Word has reached the States that Barney Ross, Marine hero and former boxing champ, knocked out a native "champion" in Samoa who had been giving our Army and Navy heavyweights a go-ing over. The Samoa champ weighed 215 pounds, but Barney had him on the mat 11 times before putting him away in the sixth round. After the fight one of the native chiefs offered him his daughter in marriage and wanted him to share his crown!

A smooth-playing basketball team from Camp Upton, N. Y., forced St. John's University into an overtime period before going down to defeat 47-39 in a rough and fast game played recently at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The soldiers came from behind a six-point deficit midway in the second half to tie the count at 33 all at the end of play. However, in the final period play. However, in the final period Boykoff of St. John's started pouring them in and got four consecutive backets. secutive baskets, after having been held to only one basket during the regular periods—helping the Redmen to win going away. High scorer for Upton was Pvt. Ray Lumpp, who up until a few weeks ago had scored 114 points for New York University.

Ensign Ted Schroeder, national tennis champ, might have a chance to get that Davis Cup back to the U.S. all by himself! When last heard from he was on a destroyer "somewhere in the Pacific"

Emmett Barrett, center for the New York Giants pro football team, entered the Army last week at Portland, Ore. Barrett, who carried around 193 pounds during last football season, weighed in at 168.

Did you know that Lt. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, head of the U.S. African forces, coached the St. Mary's College football team at San Antonio, Tex., in 1916?

Pvt. S. Mortimer Auerback, well-known speedboat racer, is still cutting a mean wave-even though he's in the Army. Mort is piloting an Army "crash" boat at Langley Field, Va. His job is to race out and pick up any fliers who may land in the water.

Parker Hall, former All-America halfback at the University of Tenn. and more recently a star for the Cleveland Rams pro team

Johnny Beazley, St. Louis Cardinals' World Series pitching hero, married Miss Carolyn Frey, hero, married Miss Carolyn Frey, of Nashville, Tenn., in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., last week. Beazley is A return engagement may be now stationed at the Army Air planned by the burglar who

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Since the start of the War Bond Campaign, this organization has shown definite advancement toward our goal, the "E" flag. As evidenced by the figures below, the 90% participation and 10% investment record necessary to the obtaining of this desired pennant is within our reach. We will, however, need help to get us over the top. Those of you who have not as yet authorized payroll deductions for War Bonds, can give us the necessary boost by signing up NOW.

The following is our departmental standing to date. Congratulations to you 100 per centers. You have set a fine

	Employees			
	Number of	Buying	Percent-	
DEPARTMENT	Employees	Bonds	age	
Chief Nurses Offices	2	2	100	
Civilian Personnel	11	11	100	
Dietitians	11	- 11	100	
Library	2	2	100	
Physio-therapy	7	7	100	
Special Service School	7	7	100	
Transportation	5	5	100	
Chaplains Office	1	1	100	
Engineers	74	71	96	
Quartermaster Corps	27	26	96	
Unit Personnel		19	95	
Registrars Office	17	16	94	
Ward Attendants	35	33	94	
Gardeners	13	12	92	
Mess Attendants-Female	e103	94	91	
Surgical Service	9	8	89	
Mess Attendants-Male	7	6	86	
Dental Technicians	14	12	86	
X-Ray	12	10	83	
Occupational Therapy	5	4	80	
Laboratory		19	79	
Janitors	28	21	75	
Medical Service	4	3	75	
Medical Supply	8	6	75	
Nurses Quarters	37	25	68	
Adjutant & 201 File Room	n 7	4	57	
Laundry		33	54	
Outside Police	4	1	25	
Ward S-1	2	0	00	
	557	469	82%	

mand at Miami Beach.

for the Cleveland Rams pro team, s an ensign in the Navy and stationed at the Preflight School at

Salt Lake City, Utah (CNS)-Force Technical Training Com- broke into a garage and stole \$25.

No Income Tax, Maybe

Washington (CNS)-Exemption of servicemen from income tax requirements may become a fact if Rep. Woodruff (Mich. Rep.) has his way. He hopes to get the principle into new tax laws now being drafted. He emphasized that he would exempt only that part of the individual's income which is earned by service in the armed forces.

News From Your Own Home Town

Arlington, Va. (CNS)-Women here are carrying their kids strapped on their backs papoose fashion due to the baby carriage shortage.

Denver (CNS)-Fastest moving bill passing through State legis-lature here provides for payment of the lawmakers themselves.

Hays, Kan. (CNS)—Quints were born on the farm of William Kreutzer near here recently—but they were calves, not children. Four of them lived.

Hollywood (CNS) - A minister's daughter, Victoria Faust, has won a long term movie contract and role in a forthcoming picture entitled "Lady of Burlesque.

Idaho Springs, Col. (CNS)-Four men far back in the Argo tunnel near here set off a blast and it tapped an underground lake. They were drowned before they had a chance to escape.

Lubbock, Tex. (CNS) - Girls here have found a way to thwart the garter shortage; that is, the rubber shortage. They are hold-ing up their hose by sticking them to their legs with bits of gummed tape.

Minneapolis, Minn. (CNS) — Walter Rapatz floored police by admitting not only the crime with which he was charged but several others also. For one of the others his older brother is serving a five-to-40-year sentence.

Newark, N. J. (CNS)-The first city wholesale license for the sale of horsemeat has been granted to The Whirlaway Meat Co. Their first day of business found them with 40,000 pounds of Dobbin hanging around and no retail butchers with a license to handle horsemeat.

New York (CNS)-Ladies not dressed formally will be admitted to the University Club, a swanky swankspot here, in the future. The concession, a departure from ancient policy, was made so the Junior Leaguers and other society belles wouldn't mind riding to parties on the subway and other public conveyances. Hence a lot of gas and rubber will be saved.

Moscow, Ida. (CNS)—This city has sent an 80,000-pound carload of seed peas to Moscow, Russia, a Soviet Relief Agency has announced.

Philadelphia, Pa. (CNS) — To combat the gas shortage a motor-ist planned to hitch his horse to his car and drive through the center of the city to test the legality of such action.

Reno, Nev. (CNS)-Two years ago Alfred Guertin, 70, celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. Recently he got a divorce.

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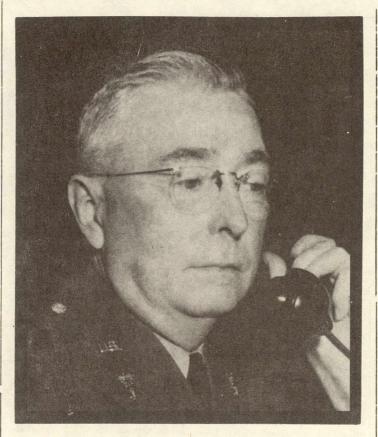
Colonel J. D. Foley Former Letterman **Adjutant Dies Here**

Lieutenant Colonel John D. Foley. Medical Administrative Corps, Executive Assistant to the Port Surgeon, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, and former adjustant of Letterman General Hospital, died here on Friday morning of last week after a brief illness. Death was due to a heart ailment.

Colenel Foley was a native of Minnesota and enlisted in the Army in 1909 to begin a military career that terminated with his death. In his thirty-four years of service he made an outstanding record for efficiency in the performance of all the duties assigned to him in whatever capacity he happened to fill at the time.

All of Colonel Foley's service was with the Medical Department and his record is unique in that he served four different tours at Letterman General Hospital. During World War I he was the chief assistant to the Port Surgeon at Hoboken, N. J., then Colonel James Madison Kennedy, and the system devised for the reception and handling of the sick and wounded men returning from abroad was largely the work of Colonel Foley. It is the basis for the plans now in the making for the solution of the same problem in connection with the returning men who are the casualties of World War II

The Colonel served in all grades from private to Master Sergeant before he was commisioned in November 1917 as a first lieutenant. In the reorganization of the army in 1920 he was among the first officers to be commissioned in the newly created Medical Administrative Corps. His association with Brigadier General Kennedy continued through peace time service until the general passed to the retired list. conducted services at the graveside, east.



JOHN D. FOLEY

Lieutenant Colonel, Med. Adm. Corps February 24, 1887—February 12, 1943

served under Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, both at Letterman and at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

In compliance with his expressed wishes made shortly before his death, the funeral services were held in the Catholic (Old Post) F. Brechtel, and Bartholomew J. Chapel at the Presidio of San Francisco followed by interment in the National Cemetery at the same post. Chaplain Thomah L. McKenna of-

In recent years Colonel Foley has The pall bearers were all master sergeants who had served under Colonel Foley at different posts. In the group were William S. Moody, Frank S. O'Brien, Henry Kuntz, Robert F. Bergen, Calvin D. Williams, Theodore Schmierer, Charles Guarisco.

Colonel Foley is survived by his widow, Mrs. Estelle Fay Foley, who lives at 54 Sea View Terrace, San ficiated at a Mass of Requiem and Francisco, and three brothers in the he has had a successful Army ca-

Three New Warrant Officers Promoted From N. C. O. Staff

From a group of thirteen men seeking appointment as Warrant Officer, Junior Grade, Master Sergeant William R. Moody, Technical Sergeant Clyde L. Lester and Sergeant Philip A. Matthews were chosen by an examining board of five officers on Saturday, February 13th. They were discharged for the convenience of the Government the following Monday and received their appointments Tuesday, February 16th. Major Frank R. Day, Post Adjutant, administered the oath to the new Warrant Officers.

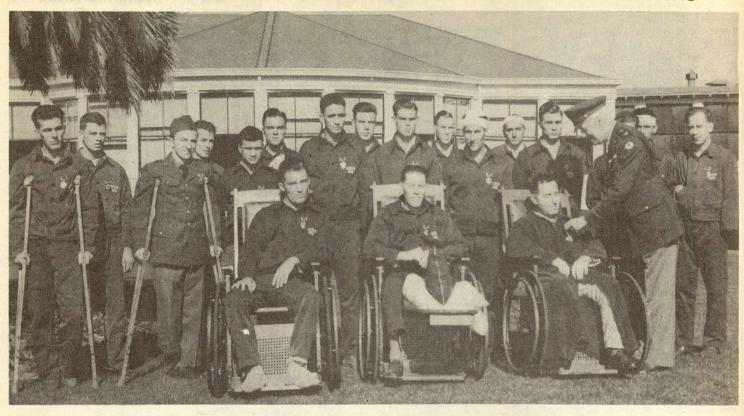
Formerly known to detachment members as the Sergeant Major, Sergeant in Charge of the Finance Office, and Sergeant of the Enlisted Personnel Section respectively, the new "Misters" have been assigned as follows: Mister Moody, detailed as Assistant Adjutant; Mister Lester, Assistant to the Agent Finance Officer and Assistant to the Fiscal Officer; and Mister Matthews, Assistant to the Chief of Military Personnel Branch, Personnel Division.

Mr. Matthews, youngest man in number of years of service, comes from Somerville, Mass., where he was born October 28, 1908. A graduate of Columbia University in 1929, he was employed by General Motors as a Personnel Administrator until enlisting in the Army at Fort McArthur, California, in 1940. He has served in the Finance Department and Reception Center at that post until rejected for Officers Candidate School because of physical disability and subsequent transfer to LGH.

Mr. Moody, born September 9, 1906, in Jacksonville, Illinois, also joined the Army at Fort McArthur, Calif., but in 1924. Since that time

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GENERAL WEED AWARDS PURPLE HEART MEDAL TO 35 PATIENTS



Brigadier General Frank M. Weed, Commanding General, pinning the medal on Captain Max Goldman, M. C. at the

end of the ceremony during which all of the patients shown above were decorated.

The medal of the Order of the Purple Heart was awarded to thirty five of our patients at a simple ceremony on Saturday afternoon last when the commanding general, Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, pinned the medals on the men who had been cited for meritorious service and who were also wounded in Inf. Unasgd. Address: 5843 Welton action against the enemy.

citations authorizing the awards were read by Major Frank R. Day, M. A. C., Adjutant of the command, and each man in turn received his decoration from the hands of the commanding general. Reporters and cameramen from the local newspapers were present at the ceremony and the photographs were published on the following morning.

The names of the men honored

Captain MAX GOLDMAN, M. C., Address: c/o Adjutant General Washington, D. C. Wounded in action Aug. 17, 1942, at Port Moresby, New Guinea.

S/Sgt. GORDON R. DOWLING, Inf. Unasgd. Address at enlistment: 16 Birch St., East Lynn, Mass.

Jan. 15, 1943.

S/Sgt. ERNEST T. LEDUC, Inf. Unasgd. Address 5 Decatur Ave., Lowell, Mass. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Nov. 18, 1942.

Sgt. WILLIAM J. CHOUINARD, Place, Los Angeles, Calif. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 14,

Sgt. BERNARD C. HUGHES, Inf. Unasgd. Address: Box 194, Pursglove, West Virginia. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 13, 1943.

Cpl. BARTON K. NEVILLE, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 126 Lester St., Providence, R. I. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 15, 1943.

Cpl. VERLON C. STONE, Inf. Unasgd. Address: Route 2, Ranger, Ga. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Nov. 22, 1942. Area, Dec. 10, 1942.

Pfc. JAMES M. BERRY, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 16761/2 13th Ave. N, Winston Salem, N. C. Wounded in Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Huntington, West Va. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, South-

Island. Southwestern Pacific Area, action at Guadalcanal Island, South-western Pacific Area, Nov. 28, 1942. western Pacific Area, Jan. 13, 1943. Pfc. WILLIAM P. BRIXON, Inf. Unasgd. Address: Hittordahl, Minn. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Nov. 20, 1942.

> Pfc. CHARLES L. BROWN, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 442 W. 4th St., Erie, Pa. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 5, 1943.

> Pfc. WAYNE E. KOCHENDER-FER, Inf. Unasgd. Address: Ickesburg, Pa. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 14, 1943.

> Pfc. MICHAEL G. SADVARY, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 28 Auburn St., Wilkesbarre, Pa. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 4, 1943.

Pfc. JOSEPH H. TOPPING, Inf. Unasgd. Address: Box 74, Jewette, Conn. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific

Pvt. VESTAL ASHBY, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 291 Nissen Ave.,

Pvt. MATTHEW BAYGROWICZ. Inf. Unasgd. Address: 291 Buckinham St., Hartford, Conn. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island. Southwestern Pacific Area, Nov. 22,

Pvt. BENJAMIN E. BASINGER. Inf. Unasgd. Address: Landisr, N. C. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 11, 1943.

Pvt. CHARLES M. BROWN, Inf. Unasgd. Address: Route No. 2, Box 601, Kelso, Wash. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Nov. 21, 1942.

Pvt. JOHN DE CICCO, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 6527 Greewood Ave., Chicago, Ill. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Dec. 19, 1942.

Pvt. FORREST C. FRANKLIN, Inf. Unasgd. Address: General Delivery, Whitesboro, Texas. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 12, 1943.

Pvt. DANIEL L. FOSS, Inf. Unasgd. Address: Badger, Minn.

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MORE ABOUT MEDALS

(Continued from page two) Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Nov. 22, 1942.

Pvt. MICHAEL GARNACH, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 266 Maple St., Shusville, Pa. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 14, 1943.

Pvt. DANIEL J. KELLY, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 130 Cornell St., Boston, Mass. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Dec. 1, 1942.

Pvt. FRANK W. MERKELZ, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 2606 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, Ill. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 6, 1943.

Pvt. HERBERT S. MOORE, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 733 Grove St., Danville, Va. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 15, 1943.

Pvt. EDWARD L. MASSING-WELL, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 108 Oak St., Boaz, Ala. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 12, 1943.

Pvt. STANLEY R. OSTROWSKI. F. A. Unasgd. Address: 1108 Poland Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island. Southwestern Pacific Area, Dec. 25,

Pvt. WILLIAM E. PARK, Inf. Unasgd. Address: Fisher Ark, Memphis, Tenn. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 15, 1943.

Pvt. ELMER W. PLAGGE, Inf. Unasgd. Address: Route No. 1, Bensonville, Ill. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Dec. 21, 1942.

Pvt. MELVIN A. ST. ONGE, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 480 Hilldale Ave., Haverhill, Mass. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Nov. 21, 1942.

Pvt. THOMAS G. SILVA, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 60 Dow Avenue, Arlington, Mass. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Nov. 20, 1942.

Pvt. LONNIE TEFFETELLER, Inf. Unasgd. Address: City 7, Maryville, Tenn. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 12, 1943.

Pvt. MAURICE A. ULMANS, Inf. Unasgd. Address: 201 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Nov. 27, 1942.

Pvt. CARL L. WEYAND, Inf. Unasgd. Address: Box 152, Neon, Ky. Pvt. TED C. CLEMEN, Inf. Un- Pacific Area, January 12, 1943.



Mr. Irving Berlin, sponsor, creator, producer and angel of the stage hit "This is the Army." Mr. Berlin is shown completely surrounded by a bevy of boosters among the patients at Letterman.



A part of the audience entertained by Irving Berlin and the cast of "This is the Army" at a special performance for the patients at Letterman.

Wounded in action at Guadalcanal asgd. Address at enlistment: Morris-Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, Jan. 14, 1943.

Sgt. GARLAND J. C. KIMBALL, Inf. Unasgd. Address at enlistment: 225 Mesquite Ave., Lubry, Texas. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, January 14, 1943.

Pvt. ALFRED D. DRIGGERS, Inf. Unasgd. Address at enlistment: 206-1/2 Monk St., Brunswick, Ga. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island. Southwestern Pacific Area, January

Pvt. ALFRED N. CATE, Inf. Unasgd. Address at enlistment: East Bolton, Mass. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, January 2, 1943.

ville, Pa. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, January 10, 1943.

Pvt. MORRIS KNOFF, Inf. Unasgd. Address at enlistment: 29 Castlegate Road, Dorchester, Mass. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, November 23, 1942.

Pvt. PAUL J. NOVAK, Inf. Unasgd. Address at enlistment: 104 Sunbury St., Minersville, Pa. Wounded in action at Guadalcan Island, Southwestern Pacific Area, January 15, 1943.

Pvt. GRATT WHITAKER, Inf. Unasgd. Address at enlistment: Amonate. Va. Wounded in action at Guadalcanal Island, Southwestern

Special Numbers of "This Is the Army" Play at Rec Center

The generosity so characteristic of Irving Berlin was once again in evidence last week when he brought part of the troupe of "This Is the Army" to Letterman to afford the patients an opportunity to witness some of the features of that magnificent production.

The cast has been playing to capacity houses at the Civic Auditorium for the past two weeks and as the personnel were under military regime their mlitary duties were not overlooked. They drilled and they marched and were constantly reminded of their status as soldiers who were on special duty only so far as the show was concerned. Their hours were long and the days filled with routine instruction and their evenings were spent in the theatre.

Under the guidance of Mr. Berlin they found time to entertain the patients at the military and naval hospitals in the bay area and the expressed appreciation of their audience repaid them for the effort it entailed. The Recreation Center was filled for the two performances given on Thursday afternoon and Mr. Berlin made his appearance at each. He made his way among the patients after the show and some treasured photographs are destined to become keepsakes as a momento of the occasion.

After Mr. Berlin, the main attraction was the revival of "Yip, Yip, Yaphank" number from the show of the same name written and produced by Mr. Berlin during World War I. The men in this number were veterans of that show and demonstrated the passing years had taken none of their agility as dancers. They received a great hand from the audience.

Profits are for the benefit of the Army Emergency Relief.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Civilian Personnel Office of Letterman General Hospital has made possible a plan of Medical, Surgical and Hospital care for the civilian employees of this Command. A large number has already joined, but enrollment will close on February 24th. This will be the last opportunity to sign up for this plan. Anyone interested may call at Room 202 in the Administration Building for further information.

THE FOG HORN

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JOHN D. FOLEY

The sudden passing of Lieutenant Colonel John D. Foley last week caused a distinct shock to his numerous friends in this vicinity.

Colonel Foley had a high reputation as an indefatigable worker and his untimely end inscribes his name on the roster of war casualties just as surely as tho he had died on the field of battle.

The smoothly running routine of handling medical personnel and patients arriving and departing at the Port of Embarkation is a monument to his memory. A monument he would cherish more than a eulogy graven on granite.

As an officer he was superior in the performance of all his duties. As a man he had endeared himself to all of his associates throughout his long career by qualities of head and heart in which his humaneness predominated. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand or to speak a cheery word. He was a man's man.

No better words might be used to describe his years of military life than the traditional encomium to a good soldier on discharge: Service—Honest and Faithful.

Lieutenant Colonel John D. Foley was a good soldier.



The hand of welcome is extended to the following nurses who made their advent here last week:

Miss Catherine L. DeCourt (tall and willowy, as her surname suggests) was born in Manila and had her schooling in Baltimore, Maryland, at Mount St. Agnes. After graduating she went on to nurses' training at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore and after completing her training in 1938 she went into private duty. In November of 1940, Lieut. DeCourt became a member of the Army Nurse Corps at Walter Reed General Hospital, remaining there until December of 1941 when she went into foreign service. Her first station was Panama and she'left her station-Fort Amador-the following April to do transport service. She returned to Fort Amador after a few months and remained there until last month when she received orders to report to Letterman Hospital.

1st Lieut. Ruth E. Tregea, Chief Nurse, was born and reared in Philadelphia, and acquired her nursses training at Germantown Hospital where she graduated in 1936. Lieut. Tregea did private and general duty until she joined the Army Nurse Corps at Washington, D. C., in October, 1939. She then went to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, becoming a member of the same unit as Lieut. DeCourt, her first station being Panama, after which transport service was among her assignments, until Letterman became her halting place.

. . .

Miss Kathleen O'Connor was reared in Chicago and, after finishing high school there, she departed for Arizona, returning after five years to attend St. Joseph's Nurses' Training School, graduating in 1940. Miss O'Connor then did general duty nursing, deserting the "Windy City" for Arizona's sunshine where she was an office nurse for a year until she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps at Phoenix on February 10, 1943. Lieut. O'Connor has a most unique hobby; she collects letter-openers. Thanks to a doting brother in the U.S. Navy, she has a few outstanding examples of rare letter-openers. We do hope ger!

Sgt. Goldstein Gets A Valentine from The Girls Upstairs

We'll all be your Valentine Each and every one With seven gals in Personnel Mr: You'd better run J

We'll hand out information
And give you all the dope
On salary, color, weight and age
Yer bond sales to promote.

With such a gift - we should be saved How could we do other Than rise and shout and praise the bonds Halleluah Brother!

EMERGENCY RELIEF

The Army Emergency Relief has been organized to give speedy financial help and other assistance to all soldiers and their dependents when in need.

Relief may be granted in the form of money by loans, by aid in kind, including the procurement of food, fuel, medical and dental care, hospitalization, and general assistance in the solution of problems confronting individuals or members of their families.

In the near future a regional office will be established in San Francisco to care for all cases arising among families separated from husband or father.

There is a Section of the Army Emergency Relief located at Letterman Hospital. The office is on the second floor of the Administration Building. The local Director is the Post Chaplain.

The Army Emergency Relief exists to relieve need and is ready for service night or day in emergencies.

L. A. Ambassador Extends a Welcome At Reduced Rates

For the duration of the war the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel will allow a flat 50% discount on all rooms occupied by officers and cadets. While they are registered guests of the hotel, couvert charges in the Coceanut Grove and admission to the theater will be waived and membership cards to the Turf and Field Club and golf and tennis privileges will be furnished gratis on request.

she hasn't a hasty temper, as one of these is a long Mexican bone dagger!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, February 21, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



To Officer Candidate and Mrs. Belton Mouras, a daughter, Paulette Jane Mouras, born February 10, weight six pounds, seven ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Murdie White, a son, Murdie Marvin White, born February 12, weight eight pounds, seven ounces.

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. Clarence E. Sowers, a son, Michael John Sowers, born February 12, weight six pounds, nine ounces.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21:

CAFE METROPOLE — Tyrone Power and Loretta Young, Also Short Subjects.

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 23 and 24:

PALM BEACH STORY—Claudette Colbert and Joel McRea. Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday, February 25 and 26:

TALES OF MANHATTAN — Charles Boyer and Rita Hayworth. Also Short Subjects.

Saturday and Sunday: February 27 and 28:

A HAUNTING WE WILL GO— Bud Abbot and Lou Costello. Also Short Subjects.

Serve in Silence

ON THE SPOT



CLIFFORD C. BAHEM Infantry

On the Spot this week is an individual who, by his size and bearing alone, shows his branch of the service, the U.S. Infantry. If, by chance a first glance doesn't tell you, ask him and you'll be informed in no uncertain terms: This man is Private Clifford C. Bahem.

Pvt. Bahem was born in Blackfoot, Idaho, on November 5, 1905. He spent a short year in the town of his birth and then moved to Kemmerer, Wyoming, where he lived for 25 years. While in Kemmerer, Bahem attended public school and, upon graduation, moved on to business school

For the next five years, he was connected with an automobile agency where he got his groundwork in the transportation field. Except for a short period of coal mining he has concentrated all his time and abilities in this field.

Being of an independent nature, Bahem soon instituted his own transportation system consisting of taxi-cabs, a trucking company and a bus line which rendered service between Kemmerer and Evanston. In search of a larger field for his abilities he then moved to Reno, Nevada, where he continued in this line. The Burlington Trailways Company soon recognized Bahem's abilities and finally persuaded him to come into their employ as an agent. Bahem more than fulfilled their desires and stayed in their employ until the time of his induction on March 13, 1943. Pvt. Bahem entered the Service at the Salt Lake City Induction Center and was then sent to join an Infantry organization on the west coast.

Bahem is single and has been able to spend a good bit of his spare time at his two favorite forms of recreation, hunting and fishing.

The Inquiring Line-

Q. Can you give me a descrip- and bestowed upon officers and tion of the new overseas ribbon enlisted men, wounded or gassed. that soldiers will wear who see service in Africa?

A. It's a green ribbon, 1% inches long and % inches wide. In the center are red, white and blue vertical stripes. In addition to the U. S. colors, the green, white and red of Italy are at its left end and the black and white of Germany at its right end-the colors of the enemies against whom the holders are fighting. The ribbon also signifies service in Europe or the Middle East.

her one of my shoulder patches; she plans to wear it on a sweater. Is that okay?

A. She can't wear it, soldier. Army Regulations prohibit the wearing of Army insignia or their replicas by unauthorized persons. They're restricted to Army personnel only.

Q. Who originated the Purple Heart decoration?

meritorious service against an armed enemy, was created by Gen. George Washington as a decoration for his Revolutionary soldiers. The decoration was discontinued after the Revolution out of respect for Revolutionary parachute jumpers perform what soldiers to make it exclusive, but is considered one of the most was revived after World War I hazardous jobs in the Army.

Q. Am I supposed to salute an officer if I approach him from the rear?

A. Not unless the officer looks at vou.

Q. Will the veterans of World War II be permitted to carry their Government insurance after the

war? If so, for how long?
A. National Service Life Insurance is issued upon the 5-year level premium term plan, with the privilege of conversion to Q. My girl asked me to send policies of ordinary life, 20-payment or 30-payment life insurance. The act provides that all 5year level term policies shall terminate at the expiration of the term period. It is possible that Congress will have for consideration the renewal of this type of insurance as it has in the case of World War I veterans. If the 5vear term insurance is changed to one of the above specified policies the insurance will remain in ef-A. The Purple Heart, awarded to officers and enlisted men for paid.

> Q. Do parachutists in the U.S. Army get a monthly bonus in ad-

dition to their regular base pay.

A. Yes—50 bucks extra monthly. The reason for this is that

BUCK OF THE WEEK



PRIVATE CHARLES BROOKS

Our Buck for this week is Private Charles W. Brooks. Pvt. Brooks can, and does, claim two very distinctive honors. Not only is he a Native Son but he was also born on Lincoln's birthday. Los Angeles was the fitting scene for the birth of our Buck and he first saw the California sunshine on February 12, 1910.

Pvt. Brooks attended grade and high school in Los Angeles and graduated from Jefferson High, a school well known for its football teams. He also attended Los Angeles City Junior College where he majored in Business Administration. After completing his studies, in 1932, he first entered the services of the Government as a recreation director in the playground department of Los Angeles. The year 1939 found him entering the Postal service as a Postmaster.

In all the time that Pvt. Brooks was attending school and even while working on the Civil Service rolls, he supplemented his work by assisting his father, who is a contractor. Because of the continuous growth of his native city, Pvt. Brooks found a superabundance of work in the construction line.

On December 10, 1943, Pvt. Brooks made a command appearance before his draft board where he once again gave such a good account of himself, that he was immediately signed up for the duration-plus. A short three-day stay at Fort McArthur after an initial seven-day furlough and our Buck found himself in the limelight at this post where he has continued his commendable work in the Postal system at our Post Office.

Unmarried, Pvt. Brooks concentrates his activities and energies in such sports as basketball, tennis and baseball and, as usual, comports himself very well.



Serve in Silence

MEDICAL

A welcome is extended the following men: Pvts. A. H. Kohl and Clyde W. Bryant.

Congratulations are in order from this Detachment to Master Sergeant William R. Moody, Technical Sergeant Clyde L. Lester and Sergeant Philip A. Matthew who were appointed Warrant Officers, Junior

Congratulations to the Sgt. Matt Jarvi, Jr., family-now three in number. The new baby girl, Bonnie Mae, was born February 13th and weighed seven pounds, two ounces. As a must, Mother and baby are doing well.

INTERESTING TO SEE

That it is the Detachment's loss and the Quartermaster's gain with the transfer of Pvt. Horace J. Stevens to the QMC.

T/Sgt. Fred Jacobs getting the best out of any or all radios, new or old. There should be good money in that as a side line, Sg.

Sgt. Robert J. Harrington on the gloomy side since his very charming wife went back home.

1st/Sgt. Calvin D. Williams claims that Sgt. Edward Blythin has been voted an honorary membership to the Y.W.C.A. for the many services he has performed for the "Y" while courting a very fine young lady.

Pvt. Henry Theiler, Jr., signing away his entire pay check for bonds. A man with faith in the future.

It may be Mister Clyde L. Lester now, but the fuzzy upper lip is the

T/5gr Melvin Matthias enjoying a visit from home. Could it have been his father?

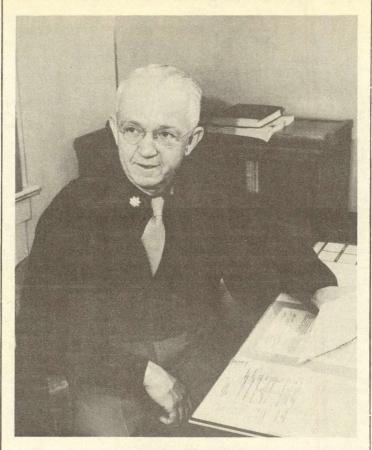
Sgt. Al Kuzmoski now treating his friends to Washington candy instead of the famous apples of the past. The candy is good, too, Al.

Sgt. Ross H. Morey begged to come to dinner. That's really something, knowing Morey's appetite.

Singing in the P. & P. Office stopped by S/Sgt. Gabe Hendricks. but upon the order of the Commanding General. Crimson countenances being a dime a dozen.

If 833 bureau drawer keys were turned into scrap, there would be enough steel for an army .45 caliber automatic rifle.

COLONEL PATTERSON ASSUMES DUTY NEW CHIEF OF THE SURGICAL SERVICE



RUSSEL H. PATTERSON Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps Chief of the Surgical Service

Lieut. Colonel Russel H. Patterson, Medical Corps, who recently assumed his duties as Chief of the Surgical Service, is a native son of Georgia where he was born on the Flowery Branch Plantation, the ancestral home of his maternal grandfather, located about forty miles north of Atlanta.

He graduated from the wellknown Riverside Military Academy at Gainesville and then went on to the University of Georgia for his Bachelor of Arts degree. His medical studies were made at Harvard University Medical School and he received his M.D. with the class of 1918. Prior to graduation he was a member of the enlisted reserve corps so he is now in service for a second World War.

Colonel Patterson started his medical career with an internship and remained as a Resident in Surgery at the Massachusetts General

dent Surgeon and has been connected with that institution ever since. He is now rated as a full visiting surgeon and assistantt director of the Cornell Surgical Division of the hospital. He has a leave of absence for the duration of the emergency.

The colonel is one of the Founders Group of the American Board of Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member the New York Academy of Medi--an organization limited to seventy members-a member of the Eastern Surgical Society, the American Society of Traumatic Surgeons, and the New oYrk Academy of Medi-

Colonel Patterson was called to active duty in the Medical Corps Reserve on January 19, 1943 and reported at Letterman on February 2, 1943. Mrs. Patterson and the four children - Russel, Virginia, Hospital. He later went to Belle- David, and Bill - are expected to vue Hospital in New York as Resi- join the colonel in the near future.

SPECIAL

Too bad the tranquility after 4:00 p. m. for some of our detachment members had to be disturbed by the order for all non-coms to drill. Their happy faces can be seen every night now on the parade grounds.

T/4gr Maurice Deitz, who is now working in the Charge of Quarters, found it impossible to convince S/Sgts John A. Hervin and Wendall K. Waite that their barracks were not on fire or that murder had not been committed that evening. Seems the sergeants wanted to leave a young lady's company-but in a hurry!

My goodness gracious! By golly! And a few other potent words were flung around last Saturday in the Surgical School when T/4gr Laurence F. Miller found his pride and joy, an immaculate dry mop, being dunked in a bucket of dirty water. . . .

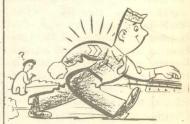
We were pleased to find that we are blessed with a super T/4gr who can tackle two jobs at one sittingespecially on Sunday. His name couldn't be George C. Hoppel?

Cpl. Henry O. Pezzella boarded the Medical Train last Sunday in high spirits. He should arrive in his fine state of Virginia about Sunday next for a four-day leave.

Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink-T/4gr Donald M. Farling, assigned to mail orderly in the absence of T/5gr George N. Choate, hasn't received a letter yet.

Sorriest thought of the week: Reveille.

CORPORAL



Lynn J. Gillard Going up!

Keglers Hit Their Stride To Win All Three Matches

The Letterman Bowling team won a three-game match last Friday night at the Broadway-Van Ness Bowling Alley when they defeated the Bireley's Orange Juice team in the 875 House league.

Sgt. Henry Kuntz was high bowler for the evening, knocking them off for a 668 triple, a new high in the house league, with high game of 229 and a low game of 218-221 completed his series. Sgt. Kuntz had only one miss out of the three games and brought his average well up above the 180 mark.

Sgt. Mottier has at last found the old groove and is beginning to lay the pins down in the proper manner once again. His series of 577 was second high, followed by Cpl. Marano with a 561.

Sgt. Yohe and Sgt. Wilcox brought up the rear with a 510 and a 483 series.

Sgt. Kuntz has entered the Letterman team in the 890 league at the Bagdad Bowling Alley starting their league play some time in March. Several of the teams now bowling in this league have entered and it promises to be a real tournament with lots of competition in

The San Francisco City Championship Tournament gets under way next Monday night at the Golden Gate and Mission Bowling Alleys, and the Medic's team is all set to stage a comeback. With Sgt. Mottier back in stride again and the team as a whole hitting them well, we look forward to being in the "Pay Dirt."

Following are the results of the league play:

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

Kuntz	221	229	218	668
Yohe	197	147	166	510
Marano	169	209	183	561
Wilcox	165	147	180	483
Mottier				
Series		944		
BIRELEYS				
Mackinder	158	189	157	504
Fox	176	155	161	492
Romani	117	173	149	439
Pierretti		178	163	503
Rapp		941		2660
Series	791	941	828	2660
	44			

At the end of March, 1942, war expenditures represented 35 percent of all incomes paid to individuals.

NEW COMMANDING OFFICER OF 717TH HAS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN ARMY



MORRIS HENDERSON 1st Lieutenant, Medical Adm. Corps Commanding 717th Medical Sanitary Company

With the arrival of 1st Lieut. Morris Henderson, M. A. C. the 717th Medical Sanitary Company received a commanding officer who is no stranger to military life and the ways of this man's army.

Lieut. Henderson was born at Ashville, N. C. and completed his high school studies there before moving on to Ohio State University for advanced work. Came the World War of another day and he promptly enlisted in the Medical Corps for duty at Camp Custer. He has been in the army ever since and this second World War should be an old story to him.

The lieutenant went to the Philippines from Camp Custer in 1919 and remained there for four years with station at Fort Stotsenburg and Sternberg General Hospital in Manila. In 1923 he was assigned to then Fort D. A. Russell-now Fort Francis E. Warren-at Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he remained for sixteen years as the pharmacist in the Station Hospital. He went through all and Major Stewart.

the grades from private to technical sergeant while on that post.

In April, 1941 he moved to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, with the 92nd Engineers and got in a lot of field soldiering during the general maneuvers that spring. A year later he was commissioned a 1st lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps while at Camp Forrest, Tenn. In June of the same year he was transferred to Fort Huachuca with duty at the Station Hospital as assistant medical supply officer.

He reported for duty at Letterman on January 29, 1942 and if he is starting another sixteen year tour it meets with his approval.

In 1927 Lieut. Henderson was married to Miss Barbara Lewis, of Cheyenne. They have one child, Morris, Jr., now thirteen years old.

The lieutenant was pleased to find on arrival here that two officers who had been with him in service in other days were on our roster. He had a pleasant re-union with Colonel Beery, Hospital Inspector,



HAROLD P. MULLER Major, Medical Corps Former Chief of the Orthopedic Section and now deep in the heart of Texas. Major Muller was a member of the "Wonder Team" of 1924 of the University of California.

Army Medic Attends French Kid in Africa

North Africa (CNS) - A U.S. Army doctor gave free medical treatment to a 3-year-old French youngster despite handicaps encountered with the difference in languages.

The kid was the son of a Frenchman who had made friends with troops. The soldiers had given them milk and margarine which tickled the child's palate more than candy.

Then one day the father came to visit alone. Inquiries disclosed that the little boy was ill. Soldiers telephoned the local Medical Corps unit and soon an officer and Pvt. Ivan Gilbert were on their way to the Frenchman's home.

Despite the confusion in diagnosis and treatment caused by language difficulties, the kid was cured and one more Frenchman now thinks the boys from the U.S.A. are okay.

NEW WARRANT OFFICERS

(Continued from page one) reer, entirely in the Medical Corps. He has completed tours of study in the Islands, Walter Reed Hospital and Letterman Hospital and brought a wealth of experience to the Sergeant Major's office when he took over his duties there.

Mr. Lester was born in Vancouver, Washington in 1916. He has had nearly six years service in the Army and a year in the Navy to his credit . . . nearly all of it connected with Finance in one way or another. He spent a foreign tour in the Islands and the rest of the time on the west

All three men have distinguished themselves with the quality of their work, and should prove competent in the new positions of trust that they now enjoy.

Ray T. Donahue Passes Away at His Home in S. F.

Mr. Raymond T. Donahue, until his retirement just a year ago head of the Civilian Personnel Office, died at his home in San Francisco early on Wednesday afternoon. He had been in ill health for more than a year.



RAYMOND T. DONAHUE

Mr. Donahue was first appointed to the civilian staff at Letterman on March 11, 1918 and then resigned to enter the military service. On his discharge from the army he resumed his post at the hospital and remained for twenty-four years.

During his long tenure he made friends in all branches of the service and had the unique distinction of being an attorney who always forgot to bill his clients for fees whenever he felt any payment would be a hardship.

Mr. Donahue is survived by his widow and three cihldren.



Werner N. Blackstad Robert E. Sullivan

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Thanks to the efforts of the Civilian and Military Personnel listed below, we are gradually approaching our goal, the "E" flag. Although our progress is slow, it is, nevertheless, in the right direction. We are still short of the 90% participation and 10% investment mark, but every new subscription or increase of deduction is a boost. The new "10% Club" buttons are now ready for issue at the Bond Office. Let's all sport one.

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Maurice Lobree
David D. Yeoman
Loraine B. Sucher
Oliver F. Medley
Margarette Fawcett
William F. Craig
Florence N. Berger
Coreen E. Perry
Lorene Ellis
Edith C. Kennedy
Myrtle L. Perdue
Edna B. Vines
Edwina Rouse

Evelyn M. Vigor
Ruth Q. Martin
Juanita M. Davis
Ida Thornton
Mary A. Hannan
Aline Young
Wilberta M. Angell
Lorena A. Skillingstad
Josephine E. Lininger
Arthur J. Hoar
Lydia Weigle
Rosalie D. Ryan

MILITARY PERSONNEL

2nd Lt. Janet V. Peet, ANC
2nd Lt. Martha C. Bostrom, ANC
2nd Lt. Kathleen E. O'Connor, ANC
2nd Lt. Elenore L. Mendia, ANC

S/Sgt. Elmore Anderson Sgt. Herman Gai T/4 Paul T. Betts Pvt. Henry E. Theiler



The men who make play out of work around here—the personnel of the Recreation Office. Left to Right: Sgt. Ralph M. Mason, St. Sgt. Thomas R. Bell, St. Sgt. Wiley Dunn, and Sgt. Merle C. West. In back: Tech. Sgt. Joseph Jones. Despite appearances Sgt. Bell did not need the support evident in picture.

Sports Slants From Other Camps

Pete Reiser, hard-hitting Brooklyn Dodger outfielder and National League batting champ in 1941, is taking his basic training at the Cavalry Replacement Training Center, Ft. Riley, Kan. If he's still around next baseball season the "Centaurs," CRTC team should cop the Post championship again.

Lou Zamperini, former national collegiate mile champ and now a lieutenant in the Air Forces, was awarded a medal for his participation as a bombardier in a heavy bombing raid on Wake Island Dec. 24. Lou competed in the 1936 Olympics held at Berlin. He says he'd like to return and bomb hell out of the place.

Bill Daddio, star end of the Chicago Cardinals, of the National Pro Football League, received his commission as a Navy ensign recently. Bill is a former Pitt All-America football player.

Pvt. Charley Sheppard of Baer Field, Ind., was Northern California Open Golf Champ in 1931, '32, '35 and '39. He also copped the Pennsylvania Open Championship in 1940 and the Nebraska Open title in 1941. Charley entered the Army May 1, 1942.

Ernie Pinchert, two-time All-America halfback at the U. of Southern California, is a Private at Ft. MacArthur, Cal. Ernie helped U.S.C. rout Pittsburgh and Tulane in the Rose Bowl, and then went on to spark the Washington Redskins pro team to a World's Championship. "Sure looks like I'm on a winning team again," Pinchert said recently, "you can have the Japanazis and 50 points. Any takers?"

Larry Danbom, Notre Dame star fullback in 1934, '35 and '36 is at the Navy Pre-Flight Indoctrination School, Chapel Hill, N. C. Danbom figured in one of football's freakiest plays in 1935. In the 18-13 Irish victory over Ohio State, Mike Layden threw a pass to Andy Pilney. As Pilney made the catch, Mike Kabealo of Ohio State stole the ball. As he turned to start downfield, Danbom stole it right back for a net gain of 10 yards. The whole thing took place in about two seconds.

rvt. Bob Beal, stationed at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Ft. Bragg, N. C., last year won the Eastern U. S. three-mile ice skating championship held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. He has also held the one and two mile titles of Hudson Valley, N. Y. and New Jersey. In winning the New Jersey State Championship he defeated Herman Van Putten, present U. S. title-holder in all distances.

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Silver Bars Given To Four Nurses on Letterman Staff

Last Tuesday, February 23rd, four nurses at Letterman Hospital, Mary E. Guilfoyle, Mary L. Jasken, Irene L. Bukky and Mallie Mahaffay, exchanged the gold bars of Second Lieutenants for the silver bars of First Lieutenants upon receipt of orders from Washington promoting them to Chief Nurses, Army Nurse Corps. The orders were made effective February 13, 1943.

Miss Mahaffay, who was transferred to Fort Douglas, Utah the day of her promotion, has been at Letterman, her first station, since December 5, 1942. She was born in Kansas City, Missouri and obtained her Bachelors Degree in Science at Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska before taking her professional nursing training at Omaha Methodist. She has had nursing experience at St. Peters Hospital, Helena, Montana; Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, Nebraska; and at the Community Foundation Hospital in Provo. Utah before she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve, November 20, 1942,

Miss Jasken has been on duty at Letterman since July of 1942. Prior to that time she had been stationed at Chanute Field, Illinois, where she reported April 3, 1941 for active duty in the Army Nurse Corps. Miss Jasken was born and raised in Minnesota and completed her nursing training at the St. Cloud School of Nursing, St. Cloud, Minnesota. She was head nurse on Ward L-1 at the time of her promotion.

Miss Guilfoyle hails from Edgemont, South Dakota. She completed her professional training at Aurora, Illinois in 1936 at the St. Charles Hospital and entered the Army Nurse Corps, July, 1937. Before being assigned to Letterman on November 12, 1942, she had served at in December of the same year.



CHARLES C. HILLMAN Brigadier General, U. S. Army Assistant to the Surgeon General

Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, for three years and Schofield Barracks, T. H.

Cleveland, Ohio is Miss Bukky's home and she took her nursing training at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland, as well as general duty in that hospital until 1939 when she went to Hollywood for duty at the Cedar of Lebanon Hospital. She remained there until November 30, 1942 when she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve, reporting to Letterman for active duty

Laff of the Week-

Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. (CNS) - A basketball game among some officers was waxing hot and heavy here recently. Toward the end of a very hectic period, the referee — an enlisted man—blew his whistle loudly and

brought the play to a stop.
"One more trick like that," he bellowed at one of the players, "and I'll throw you out of the game-SIR!"

General Hillman Is Welcome Visitor at Letterman Hospital

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Chief of Professional Services in the office of the Surgeon General at Washington, was a week-end visitor at Letterman. His presence here was a stopover on a tour of observation and inspection that scheduled an itinerary which takes him through the south and back through the middle west before returning to his desk in the Maritime Building in the nation's capital.

General Hillman was stationed at Letterman as Chief of the Medical Service for four years from 1935 to 1939 and on his relief from duty here he went to the office of the Surgeon General for duty. He was promoted to rank of brigadier general in 1941.

In speaking of his present trip, the general expressed the thought that his movements should not be called an "inspection" trip. It is more for purposes of observation and with the idea of assisting local commanders in their solutions of particular problems. General Hillman believes that nothing equals first-hand knowledge on conditions in the field, and he can better administer his department from Washington when he has personal acquaintance with all circumstances encountered by commanding officers in all parts of the country.

The visit of General Hillman was most timely in view of the expansion of medical facilities in the bay area at this time. He had an opportunity to inspect the Dante Hospital in San Francisco about to be taken over for use as a station hospital for the Port of Embarkation, and the Oakland Hotel due to be used as a station hospital under the 9th Service Command for troops in the east bay section.

CHER SHOP ESSENTIAL ACT

Under the supervision of Captain Rex P. Clayton, Hospital Mess Officer, the hospital mess butcher shop personnel has thus far managed to avert the meat-shortage dilemma so noticeable in civilian circles. According to the Captain the farsightedness of Technical Sergeant William C. Muhic, Non Commissioned Officer in charge of all the hospital messes and Sergeant Charles A. Clark who purchases all meats and, in conjunction with the dieticians, plans all menus, has been largely instrumental in obtaining the necessary meat for the hospital. Considerable ingenuity also has been exercised by these men in planning the menus to fit the meats available instead of ordering the meats to fit the menus.

After Sgt. Clark has prepared the menus, not one but several weeks in advance, the task of untangling miles of telephone lines in search of the meats in question and in amounts great enough to supply the needs of all three messes is the big item. Prior to the present emergency the problem of obtaining a thousand pounds of beef for a Sunday dinner was a relatively simple matter. Meat contractors was the answer - dispensing with all red tape-a single phone call was usually all that was necessary to have one thousand pounds of prime beef delivered early Saturday morning for cutting. The same was true with any of the meats, whether it was pork, ham, lamb, veal or chicken. Now, however, the magnitude of the job has grown to such proportions that the full time of one man is necessary to handle it. This duty falls upon the shoulders of Sergeant Clark

Instead of meat for the next day, Sgt. Clark thinks in terms of what type of meat will be eaten next month and if it will be available at that time or if it must be purchased in great enough quantities to insure against any emergencies. Consequently, usually after purchase, meat to be delivered will be in tens of thousands of pounds instead of thousand pound lots. It will be stored in the freezer rooms if it is to be used at a later date or in the ice box if it is to be used immediately.

Thumbing through the meat menu for a typical week it appears as fol-



REX P. CLAYTON Captain, Med. Adm. Corps Mess Officer for all messes at Letterman



A quarter of beef getting the eagle eye from the meat inspector. L. to R .- Mr. Elmer Dodd, T/5th Gr. Sam Borotony, S/Sgt. Ralph Fontaine, official inspector, T/5th Gr. Horace Birrell, and T/4th Gr. Ray Edmondson, NCO in charge of butcher shop.

Beef for the noon day meal and 450 and 900 pounds of Chicken for pounds of Frankfurters for the eve- Chicken a la King for dinner; Satning meal; Tuesday, 510 pounds of urday, 400 pounds of Beef will be Ham for breakfast, 710 pounds of used for stuffed green peppers, and Lamb Chops for lunch and 710 550 pounds of Prime Beef for El pounds of Short Ribs for dinner; Rancho Stew that evening; Sunday Wednesday there would be 710 morning will find 200 pounds of pounds of Braised Beef for lunch Bacon used for breakfast and eighty and 625 pounds of Roast Beef for legs (1200 pounds) of Roast Pork sandwiches for dinner; Thursday the for lunch with 225 pounds of assortbreakfast meal will include 550 ed cold meats for dinner rounding in Pharmacy at the University of pounds of Country Sausage, 550 out the menu for the week. This Idaho and was employed in this capounds of Meat Loaf for lunch and is not the menu each week. Turkey, pacity until 1940. 2900 breaded Pork Chops for din- Steaks of various types, Roast ner; Friday the noon meal will in- Chicken also find their way onto the Captain Clayton completed his stulows: Monday, 625 pounds of Roast clude 850 pounds of Halibut Steak menu regularly.

The men on the production line of the hospital mess butcher shop are only four in number, but this quartet, under the direction of Technician Fourth Grade Ray Edmondson, Non Commissioned Officer in charge, supplies the meat demands of all three messes - main hospital, east hospital and special diet mess-easily and efficiently. The other three members of the foursome are Technicians Fifth Grade Horace Birrell and Sam Boronoty and Mr. Elmer Dodd, Civilian Employee.

Staff Sergeant Harold Fontaine, meat inspector for the post, puts his official OK on all meat purchases and they are then turned over to the butchers for storage or to be prepared for meals.

The meat for each meal is prepared a day in advance to ascertain no "meatless' days at the hospital. Not only are all types of meats cut but the fish, frozen, is hand sawed for individual servings for the Friday meals. All chickens are cleaned and drawn by this crew; meat for sausages are ground from the best beef and pork; meat loaf and cold meats are made in the butcher shop and the cold meats include salomi, baloney, liverwurst and cheese loaf. And only the very best beef and pork are used in the stews, usually synonymous with "left-overs."

A conservative approximation of the meat handled by this quartet would be: forty quarters of beef, thirty-five lambs, eight hundred chickens, one hundred legs of pork, four hundred pounds of ham and four hundred pounds of bacon.

As Mess Officer, Captain Clayton has been associated with this department off and on since 1940 when he reported for active duty at Letterman Hospital.

The Captain was born in Paris, Idaho, September 22, 1908 and his life was centered around that town until he attended the University of Idaho, Southern Branch at Pocatello, Idaho. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy from that institution in 1933. And from 1928 until 1938 the Captain was employed in the Halliwell Drug Company of Pocatello. In 1938 Captain Clayton accepted a position as an instructor

While serving as an instructor, (Continued on page three)

BUTCHER SHOP

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dies for a Reserve Commission and reported for active duty at Letterman in 1940. From the Mess Department he was assigned to the school in December, 1940, to help prepare the Texts and Schedule for the Pharmacy Department. In February, 1941 he was sent east to complete a pharmaceutical course and was then returned to Letterman Hospital as instructor of Pharmacy in the Special Service School. December, 1941, found Captain Clayton back in the Mess Department as Assistant Mess Officer. And July, 1942 he was assigned to the Mess Department as Mess Officer.

The Captain feels that much credit is due the enlisted staff of the butcher shop at Letterman for the manner in which they have risen to meet emergencies and adapted themselves once those emergencies have been met.

"It is true," remarked Captain Clayton, "we do not have the abundance or choice of meats now that we had before the war, but then there are many millions of Americans who are not getting even a fraction of what they should have during this war. One thing, however, is that the quality of the meat we do get is quite as good as it was; the margin of waste is much less, thanks to the butchers, and the variety remarkably good considering the limitations of the market."

Gen. and Mrs. Weed Entertain in Honor Of Gen. Hillman

On Saturday evening the Commanding General and Mrs. Weed were hosts at a delightful dinner party honoring Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, assistant to the Surgeon General of the Army, who was in San Francisco on an official tour of medical installations in the south and middle west.

In addition to the guest of honor, Colonel and Mrs. C. K. Berle, Colonel and Mrs. Clemens W. McMillan, Colonel and Mrs. Condon C. McCornac, and Lieut. Colonel Russel H. Patterson were also present for dinner.

APPROPRIATIONS

The House has passed the first appropriation bill of the new Congress, carrying \$299,724,465 for Treasury and \$899,116,495 for Post Office operations during the fiscal year 1944.



THE NON COMS WHO DO THE HEAD WORK
Sgt. Charles A. Clark is the meat buyer and Tech. Sgt. William C. Muhic plans the distribution of all the food used in the hospital.



Meat rationing may come but our patients will eat so long as T/5th Gr. Sam Borotony has something to sink that knife in.

First WAACS Arrive in San Francisco And Meet All Military Specifications,

A contingent of 162 trim young ladies, California's first company of WAACS, arrived Tuesday evening at Fort Mason to take over their duties as clerical workers, dispatchers and chauffeurs, thereby releasing soldiers for duty with field units.

Officially the new unit is the 107th WAAC, post headquarters company, Fort Mason. They are under the overhead command of Major General Frederick Gilbreath, Port of Embarkation Commanding General, and are directly commanded by Colonel John F. Franklin, commanding officer at Fort Mason.

Seventy-five clerks, typists and stenographers, 54 dispatchers and chauffeurs, and a number of specialized technical workers, make up the newly-formed contingent.

The young ladies are quartered at barracks in Funston Park at Fort Mason and will be treated just like other military personnel, officials

Officers in command of the group are Second Lieutenants Merle Clymer and Mary Snyder.

Although this is California's first terman Hospital group of lady soldiers, it is not likely to be the last, in fact, the presume possibility.

Major 'Ted' Smith Sends a Bulletin From Hinterland

News of a former Letterman officer now in the land of "tall corn and heavy snows", as he expressed it, was received here recently by the editor.

The Officer is Major Wilson T. Smith, former Executive Office to the Chief of the Medical Service here, and now of the staff of Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa.

The newly-organized medical center is situated on the outskirts of Clinton, the Major relates, an agricultural and industrial town of 30,000 people.

Wih a normal capacity of 1014 beds, the hospital is housed in approximately 45 two-story buildings of red brick and wood. Six miles of enclosed corridors, screened-in porches and a large day room in each building are other features, according to the Major's letter.

"There are only a few medicos here now, but more are expected daily," the Major states. "We anticipate our first group of patients about February 25."

As the assistant chief of the medical service, Major Smith is busy in supervising the cleaning and equipping of 28 wards and with the instruction of 300 newly-inducted enlisted men, he says.

Adjacent to the hospital area are cantonment type barracks which house a training center for surgical, convalescent and other types of field hospital cadres which will open about March 1 for training.

"The Letterman cadres sent here is apparently making the most of their opportunities and working hard," he goes on to say. "Duty hours are from 8:30 to 5 daily. Sundays and holidays are from 9 until 12.

"Mrs. Smith joins me in wishing you the best of everything and in hoping that you can visit us soon," he concludes.

Total retail sales in 1942 reached the record total of \$56,382,000,000 which was an increase of 4 per cent over 1941. Sales at retail in 1942 were 45 per cent higher than in the 1935-1939 base period.

BUY BONDS-BYE BYE JAPS

ence of a similar contingent at Letterman Hospital in the immediate future is said to be more than a remote possibility.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

CHEERING WORDS

The members of the armed forces in our midst who purchased war bonds by the pay roll deduction plan last spring and are still waiting for some evidence of their holdings in the government will be cheered by the report that a new system of bond issue is about to be installed by which bonds will be delivered as soon as paid

In January a similar plan was adopted for the civilan employees buying bonds regularly by pay roll deduction and it seems to be working smoothly. Bonds bought in January were delivered early in February and interest sustained or renewed in that form of lending aid to Uncle Sam.

A long time ago the War Bond Officer ran out of apologies or even explanations as to why the bonds were not forthcoming. He developed a special sense to detect the approach of those who wanted to know why no bonds and he suddenly found his presence demanded elsewhere in a hurry. A subterfuge no longer needed for his continued existence whole and entire.

Under the new plan there will be no long delays and the purchaser may revel in that crinkly feeling of bond paper and relish the sight of his or her name in print as owner of a government bond and hold the companion thought of assisting very well in the war effort.

will invest in bonds through proportion. the payroll deduction plan and the war bond office ready to signature.



A hearty welcome to two recent additions to Letterman's nursing etoff

Miss Martha C. Bostrom was born and reared in Metaline Falls, Washington. After graduating from her hometown high school in 1938 she went for her nurse's training to the Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, where she completed her training in May of 1942. Miss Bostrom then did general duty in Spokane until she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve at Fort George Wright on February 8, 1943, and came to Letterman Hospital on her first assignment.

Miss Elnore L. Mendia was born in Chicago, Illinois, where she had her schooling. She deserted Chicago for "Sunny" California in 1924 when she came to San Jose to go into nurse's training at the Santa Clara County Hospital, graduating in 1927. Miss Mendia then became supervisor of the Outpatients' Department at Santa Clara County Hospital which position she held until February 12, 1943, when she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve.

Congratulations are in order to the following members of the Army Nurse Corps Reserve who were promoted to First Lieutenants on Monday of this week: Mary L. Jasken. Mary E. Guilfoyle and Irene Bukky. Nice going!

Also promoted to First Lieutenant on Monday was Miss Mallie Mahaffay, ANC. We wish to add our wishes for good luck to our felicitations-for Miss Mahaffay received "marching orders" at the time of her promotion; she is leaving for Fort Douglas, Utah, in accordance with these orders.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS.

Serve in Silence

It is expected many more accommodate a rush of any

The forms are ready for your

The desk in the Adjutant's office swung around ninety degrees to a new position eliminating the danger of a rear attack on the person of that officer and rendering it doubly difficult to read confidential communications over his shoulder.

Cpl. August J. Piette - Gus the Barber to you - making favorable progress from a recent attack of pneumonia.

Two old timers on Ward M-1-George Thickett and Bill Finn-dis cussing the advantages of the Soldiers' Home in Washington. Both are baseball fans and hope the Senators will have a good team this season.

Miss Vivian Lane, new assistant Field Director for the Red Cross in our midst, being introduced here and there on her arrival.

Captain Douglas S. Throwell cleaning out his desk before moving over to Oakland for duty at the new hospital to be operated in the former Oakland Hotel. Warrant Officer Moody wondered why the type of medicine he kept cached there.

Pvt. Robert T. Holt making his debut as a member of the staff of the FOGHORN.

Captain Willard S. Calden pleading guilty to matrimony in the recent past.

The Stork Was Here

To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Vincent R. Hurst, a daughter, Martha Ann Hurst, born February 21, weight five pounds, fifteen ounces. . . .

To Captain and Mrs. Gerald R. O'Melveney, a daughter, Geraldine Ann O'Melveney, born February 22, weight seven pounds, eight ounces.

To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Jacob W. Wittler, a son, born February 22, weight seven pounds, seven ounces.

To Officer Candidate and Mrs. Ted A. Griset, a daughter, born February 23, weight six pounds, ten

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, February 28, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Men Interested in Choral Singing Are Invited to Join

A plea for additional voices to help swell the ranks of the Presidio of San Francisco Soldiers' Chorus, a vocal group directed by Miss Clara Dayton, an Army hostess, has been made

All soldiers of this post who want to sing, whether they have had previous experience or not, are asked to "lend a voice". All that is required is that you report on Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings at the YMCA auditorium on the post at 6:30.

Another subject of interest to music lovers is the "Symphony Night" at 8 o'clock every Tuesday, conducted by the Army hostess in the YMCA auditorium. The program provides an hour of entertainment through the medium of recorded music. A stimulating discussion usually follows the music and a pleasurable time is promised all who attend. It is requested that requests for your favorite recordings be submitted to the Army Hostess before Tuesday of each week, so that they may be included on the program.

Laff of the Week-

Ft. McClellan, Ala. - The sentries here take no chances. And neither does Capt. John Busiek, when he is officer of the day. Recently the Captain, while making his rounds, approached a rookie

"H-halt," stammered the rookie. Capt. Busiek halted and waited. Then he asked, "Don't you remember what to do next?"

"N-no sir," the sentry replied, "but you'd better stand still until I do."

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



PATRICK J. SULLIVAN T/5th Grade, Med. Dept.

Pfc. Patrick J. Sullivan is no more. Good old Pat, ever willing to lend a helping hand in his own quiet way. We in the Chaplain's Office will miss that quiet industrious figure hunched over his typewriter. We'll miss the unobtrusive manner he went about his business. It is with unbounded glee, however, that we welcome his successor. Corporal Technician Patrick J. Sullivan is his name. As different as black and white is the new Sullivan. What power and personality. Strength and self-assurance emenate from this new non-com in unbounded quantities. When the cry "Sullivan" rings forth from the Sanctum, we see a straight stalwart figure step through the doorway to receive his orders, not the stooped cringing figure of old. Yes, the change has been for the better because our Pat not only has a new set of stripes, but also a resultant increase in his "gumption"

Pat was born here in San Francisco on May 11, 1922. After attending grade and High school, Pat went on to St. Joseph's College of Mountain View. Pat worked diligently at his studies and graduated June, 1940. With an eye to the most remunerative job possible, young Pat soon found employment with the U.S. Mint where he could sit and have coins run through his fingers eight hours a day. Pat started in the cent department, no pun intended, and soon worked his way up to the quarter and then the half dollar department where he was foreman in to flip his time away, Pat soon work- stripes, soon.

SHOES SHOULD BE SOLED AND SAVED THO OM MAY ISSUE WITHOUT COUPON

Enlisted personnel and officers are still authorized to purchase shoes from the Quartermaster department without the surrender of either a shoe stamp or a shoe purchase certificate, according to a recent bulletin released by the Headquarters Ninth Service command, which gives an extract of a recent War Department circular governing the procedure of military personnel in obtaining footgear under the new shoe rationing program inaugurated February 7.

In the purchases of shoes from civilian establishments, including post exchanges, both officers and men will be governed by the same regulation as civilians, the circular states.

Officers who hold War Ration Book No. 1 will use it to purchase shoes, other than those obtained from the Quartermaster, in the same manner as civilians. Those who do not have the ration book, or who have already used the shoe stamp, will purchase shoes on the basis of a certificate which may be obtained from any authorized officer, according to the instructions.

In order for enlisted men to obtain shoes, while not holding a ration book, a certificate may be obtained from an authorized officer upon a statement to that officer that no serviceable pair of shoes of the desired type are owned by the soldier.

Commanding officers of all posts in the Ninth Service Command have been instructed to designate one or more officers to execute and issue shoe purchase certificates, the bulletin says.

ed his way up to where he could handle the gold ingots without a qualm. The following statement will show the honesty and magnificent trustworthiness of Patrick J. Sullivan: Pat quit his job at the mint and went to work in the Shipyards because at the Shipyards, he could get more money. It hardly seems possible, but that's our Pat.

No matter where Pat works, he will be known for his slow (?) subtle sense of humor and typical Irish wit. He is as close to being indispensable as any man can be and his work, as the Chaplain's helper, is exemplary.

In all sincerity Pat, congratulacharge of heads and tails. Never one tions, and may there be many more

Until the new shoe purchase certificates have been prepared and distributed, the instructions state, officers will employ sugar certificates with appropriate alterations in the wording.

"All military personnel will cooperate in conserving shoes and acquire the minimum number of pairs of shoes compatible with their needs," the bulletin concludes.

Farewell Reception Tendered to Colonel And Mrs. Berle

The officers and ladies of the Medical Service were hosts at an informal reception on Sunday last in the Nurses' Recreation hall as a tribute to Colonel and Mrs. C. K. Berle who left here this week for their new station at Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Wash., where Colonel Berle will be the commanding of-

Among the guests invited to attend the reception were the Commanding General and Mrs. Weed, Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman and Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Wallace DeWitt.

Other invited guests were Colonel and Mrs. Dell S. Gray, Colonel and Mrs. William D. Herbert, Colonel and Mrs. Clemens W. McMillan, and Colonel and Mrs. Humphrey N.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Ray L. Allison, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Gerson R. Biskind, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Oril S. Harbaugh, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Richard E. Humes, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Oscar F. Nolan, Lieut, Col. and Mrs. Alfred J. Schwarz and Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna.

Major and Mrs. Franklin B. Bogart, Major Joseph S. McGuinness, Captain and Mrs. Arthur C. Jones and Captain Margaret Knierim.



BUCK OF THE WEEK



Private Edward A. Groce

His birthplace was Oakland, California; the date, June 24; 1918; educated at Sacred Heart grade school and Technical high school in Oakland; unmarried, and a member of Uncle Sam's armed forces for approximately a month and a half.

So, briefly sketched, are the salient facts in the life of the individual who takes over our spotlight as the Buck of this Week, Pvt. Edward Croce of the Receiving Department.

Pvt. Croce has been a life-long resident of the bay area, one of the few things, according to him, that the army hasn't gotten around to change yet. Following graduation from high school in 1935, Pvt. Croce attended The American Banking Institute school and fitted himself for the position of clearing and transit clerk wih the Bank of America in San Francisco where he remained for two years.

In 1938 he accepted a position as accountant with the Pacific Greyhound Bus Lines office in San Francisco, a post he retained until his induction into the army. It was on December 31 that the draft board summoned our young hero to show cause why he should not be inducted into the armed forces. As he couldn't think of enough good reasons, Pvt. Croce was speedily dispatched to the Presidio of Monterey and subsequently to this post.

When questioned about his hobbies, Croce replied, "I'm adaptable to almost anything,' but hastened on to admit that sports are his abiding passion. A member of the wrestling team at Tech Hi, Croce has now abandoned the sport. Bowling he now lists as his favorite pastime with softball and basketball as strong contenders for his favor.

While employed by the bus company he was for two years a member of the company softball club that captured two league championships.

IFDICA

A welcome is extended Pvt. Samuel C. Chandler who joined the detachment during the week.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Edward C. Vicary, promoted to sergeant; Carroll M. Dykestra and Patrick J. Sullivan, promoted to technicians fifth grade; and Phillip J. Le Feurve, Lemert W. Morris, Arthur T. Sciacqua, Addison D. Lewis and Howard P. Reeder, promoted to Privates first-class.

Discharged for the convenience of the government are Tomas M. Boctot, Joseph S. Doyon and Percy A. Metert. Much success to these men upon their return to a civilian status. . . .

INTERESTING TO SEE:

The number of enlisted men attending the Gershwin Memorial concert.

Sgt. Ross H. Morey shrinking from felines since that duet under his window the other A. M. (but early).

Sgt. Jasper Martin and his golf bag off for a sortie on the links. (With Mrs. Martin's approval, of course? ? ?)

Wedding bells for T/4th Gr Joseph Miller.

Sgt. George Erissman's classes in wrist manipulation. Profitable for Sgt. George.

Sgt. John V. Ryan's affability in the Post Office. You'd think he was in business for himself. . . .

Sgt. Irving Weill on a badminton court. That "bird" is certainly elusive and we won't mean Weill.



Harry Brix Lewin S. Villa Nice Work!



TWO BLACK STRIPES NOW ADORN THE CAP OF RETURNED BATAAN VETERANS

citizens of Jones Cove in the hills Philippine Islands. In her spare of Sevier County, Tennessee, indicate the general pleasure at the news of the elevation of one of their girls to the exalted dignity of Chief ing their loved ones who remained Nurse, with rank of first lieutenant, in the Army Nurse Corps.

Less than a year ago the folks from miles around turned out to welcome home Lieut. Ressa Jenkins following her thrilling escape from Corregidor just before it fell to the Japanese invaders. The heroic work of the army nurses on Bataan was made known to the world during the long siege of the peninsula, so when a small group managed to effect an escape and return to the homeland, Sevier County was right proud to honor one of its daughters who had done so much for the men of our country.

When the shouting and clamor died. Miss Jenkins returned to her routine duties as a nurse in the army and assigned to station here

The smiles in evidence among the on the staff before leaving for the time she wrote replies to hundreds of letters from anxious families seeking a word of solace concernprisoners in the hands of the enemy. She made public appearances in behalf of the war effort, to assist in the sale of war bonds and stamps, to encourage the women of the country to an active participation in the campaigns to replace men called to duty with the armed forces.

> Last week orders announcing her promotion to Chief Nurse were received from the War Department at Washington and all who know Lieut. Jenkins rejoice in the recognition which has come to her. It means she will soon be transferred to another station in her new capacity as Chief Nurse and she will take with her the wishes of this command for a happy tour of duty wherever she may be assigned.

We will miss the soft Tennessee at Letterman where she had been accent and the patients on M-2 will are very becoming.

SPECIAL

The civilian employees of the school detachment seem to have developed a great fondness for card games. Incidentally, what is this budding with a mutual affection for cards at the desk of the 1st Sgt. Harvey Hablitzel. Could it be romance?

Cpl. Walter Pulling has given up his vocation as a garage mechanic, so we hear. Possibly his trip home caused some reconsideration with Margie's influence.

Is T/4th Gr Vandewater's "new regime" just another passing fancy or is the straight and narrow to be his path from now on? What do you think?

Cpl. Daniel J. Mahoney is still "sweating out" his trip home. With his father's recent operation, a more appropriate time could not be found than the present. Keep plugging, Dan!

Sgt. John "Scarlett" Shea and his proteges still hold the sacred grounds of T-42 Upper, much to the dislike of the detachment. Come on, John, mix them a potent healing brew. Of course the Supply is being aided by the daily checking of property or could it be that John is the only beneficiary?

S/Sgts Nathan Edelstein and Wendell Waite have been giving T/4th Gr Donald Stone some advice about married life. They say that sleeping in pajamas and not chewing tobacco are two of the most profitable hints given him. As if they knew! !

SORRIEST THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: MEASLES!!!

MORE BONDS FOR MORE BOMBS TO BUST THE BUMS

Serve in Silence

remember gratefully the little lady from the deep south who took such good care of them.

And we might add that the two black stripes on her white linen cap

Y. M. C. A.



Presidio of San Francisco

Saturday, February 27-

10:15 a.m. Swim for boys of the Post

8:00 p.m. DANCE to the music of the GEORGIE KAYE ORCHESTRA

Sunday, February 28-

6:00 p.m. Feature movie "IT STARTED WITH EVE" DEANNA starring DURBIN, CHARLES LAUGHTON and ROB-ERT CUMMINGS

7:20 p.m. SINGSPIRATION

7:40 p.m. Vesper Services with the Chaplain

8:15 p.m. Lobby Musical Program by the SAN FRANCISCO MUSI-CAL CLUB STRING ENSEMBLE

9:00 p.m. Popular Sing, with Ed Rickman and Vera Frazier

Hotel Oakland To Be Army Hospital For the Duration

With the acquisition of Hotel Oakland and the Dante Hospital of San Francisco, the U.S. Army this week acquired two new medical centers which will be used for military patients

The Hotel Oakland, a block square structure, will be employed as a receiving hospital, officials said. Constructed 30 years ago at a cost of \$4,000,000, the hostelry has long been a center of social activities in the East Bay area.

Surprisingly little change will be required, military authorities declared, to convert the structure for military purposes. Normally, the hotel has housed 500 guests, while the dining room, lobby and other portions of the building will be converted for hospital purposes.

The Dante Hospital has been acquired for the uses of the personnel of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation and other military installations. At present the post has no military hospital facilities.

Filling the post of adjutant at the newly-converted hospital is Captain Douglas S Throwell, formerly assistant adjutant at Letterman Hospital.



LESTER LANE McCAMMON Chaplain (1st Lieutenant) A.U.S.

OUR NEW CHAPLAIN COMES BACK TO DUTY FOR HIS SECOND WORLD WAR

as an enlisted man in an infantry division during World War No. 1, and as an army chaplain in the present confict - is the distinction which belongs to 1st Lieutenant Lester Lane McCammon of this post.

A descendent of a Highland Scotch family which has long been identified with the history of the state of Pennsylvania, the Chaplain was born and spent his early youth on a farm near West Alexandria, an agricultural and sheep-raising community in the western part of the

Chaplain McCammon received his primary education in the grade schools and high school of West Alexandria and began his college training at West Liberty State Normal School. From that institution he went to Bethany College at Bethany, West Virginia.

At Bethany he majored in English literature, in which he received the A.B. degree, and took an active part in college athletics and dramatics.

A record of service in two wars-AHe was a member of Southern Kappa Alpha fraternity.

> College graduation was followed swiftly by the outbreak of the World War and he soon enlisted in the army. Following a four-month training period at Camp Lee, near Petersburg, Virginia, he was sent overseas as a replacement for the 82nd Infantry Division in France. He spent a year in the European war theater before the Armistice brought a close to the first phase of his military service.

> Back in the United States at the close of the conflict, Chaplain Mc-Cammon enrolled as a student in Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1926 with the degree of S.T.B., Bachelor of Sacred Theology. He was then ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church.

time for study and travel. The year signed to duty at the Presidio.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28:

A HAUNTING WE WILL GO-Bud Abbott and Lou Costello. Also Short Subjects.

Tuesday and Wednesday,

March 2 and 3:

LOOK WHO'S LAUGHING-

Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, Fibber McGee. Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday, March 4 and 5:

CAIRO-

Jeannette MacDonald and Robert Young. Also Short Subjects.

Saturday and Sunday,

March 6 and 7:

LITTLE TOKIO U.S.A.-

Preston Foster, Brenda Joyce. Also March of Time.

Allen and Baker to **Battle It Out on** The Air Sunday

That feud between Phil (Take It or Leave It) Baker and Fred (Star Theater) Allen over the latter's alleged habit of letting his program hang over into Baker's air-time, comes to a momentous climax on Sunday, February 28, when the two comedy stars tie their half-hour programs together into a laff-packed 60-minute session. It will be radio's first double-feature and will find Baker wandering around in Allen's Star Theater (CBS, 6:30 to 7:00 P. M.), and Allen taking part in Baker's quiz quest for a corporal's paycheck (CBS, 7:00 to 7:30 P. M.), all in the same studio.

of 1926-27 was spent in research and travel, at Edinburgh University, Scotland, and throughout Central Europe.

Upon his return to America for the second time, Chaplain McCammon assumed the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Delmont, Pennsylvania, later moving to Zelienople in the same state.

Early in 1942 he offered his services to the army in the capacity of Chaplain and was called to active duty and commissioned a 1st Lieutenant on January 2, 1943. After a The summer following graduation month's training and study at Harwas spent in working among the vard University, Cambridge, Mass., Mexican youth of Southern Califor- he was transferred to the Headquarnia, after which the young minister ters of the Ninth Service Command again embarked for Europe, this at Fort Douglas, Utah, and was si-

Our Cameraman

Whether the hand is speedier than the eye may be regarded as a moot question, but on the subject of the hand vs. the photographic eye we hasten to submit the name of this week's Cameraman of he week, Pvt. Jack William Gorman. At any rate, an individual who combines the talents of a crack commercial photographer and an expert fencing master ought to know about it if anyone does.



JACK WILLIAM GORMAN Private, Signal Corps

The subject of this sketch first saw the light of day at San Mateo, Calif. The eventful date was January 1, 1920, New Year's Day, which ought to mean something or other in the life of practically anyone.

The city of his birth proved to be the life-long residence of Pvt. Gorman, and after receiving his education in the city's school, he embarked on a professional photographic career with the Foreman studios of San Mateo, a post he held for two years.

In the interim somebody started a war and the fateful day of November 18, 1942, found Pvt. Gorman at the Presidio of Monterey where somebody slipped him a uniform and started him off on a military career that led him to this post and to a berth with the Photo Lab., Forward Echelon, 9th Service Command at the Presidio.

Pvt. Gorman claims a hobby that ought to be practically unique among photographers, namely, photography. Not content with just clicking shutters during working hours, the young soldier admits to spending much of his spare time in working on pictorial photographs, but says that his fencing comes in for a lot of attention too.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN



civilian employee at Walter Reed ington. Hospital, signs for a bond received makes the delivery.

weeks for their War Bonds. The fying officer.

Washington, D. C.—Demonstrat-speed-up results from distribution ing the War Department's stream-lined method for prompt delivery disbursing offices instead of through of War Bonds, Ralph Kennedy, the central finance office in Wash-

The officers looking on, from left immediately on payday. Mrs. Har- to right, are: Lt. Col. T. G. riette Crowthers, unit War Bond Hester, Adjutant's Office, Army representative at the hospital, Medical Center; Maj. K. T. Wright, War Bond officer; Lt. W. W. Formerly purchasers or custo- Clements, assistant War Bond offidians were required to wait several cer, and Capt. S. H. Taylor, certi-

Now that the overtime pay is being disbursed, many Civilian employees of this organization will find that their War Bond deduction made previous to this occasion is inadequate. A 10 per cent investment means 10 per cent of the total pay. Remember that the investment is as much a requisite to our goal as the 90 per cent participation. The following Civilian employees are now members of the 10 per cent club due to their increase of deduction. Sign up at the Bond Office and get your 10 per cent button:

Valis M. Knudson Dorothy M. Richardson Anna D. Riddle Julius Saulsberry Hazel B. Cumre Robert L. McKnight Fred M. Diernisse Lorena C. Skillingstad

John M. Allen Bertram J. Garmeson Charles F. Waxman Harvey L. Pickle John J. Devlin Henry L. Brady Anne M. Leahy Lorene Ellis

Life Savers

Guarding Military Information



Never discuss secret or confidential matters over a public telephone. The operator may be an enemy agent or you may be overheard.



Be careful not to reveal even the most insignificant matters to strangers. By piecing such information together with that obtained elsewhere, the enemy may learn something of the greatest importance.

Sgt. Kuntz Shoots From Port Side for 2 out of 3 Win

The Letterman bowling team won two of three games from the Ebonites, bowling ball manufacturing concern, during the week and knocked their opponents out of first place in the 875 house league, while the Medics moved up one notch in the standing as a result of victory.

The Ebonites won the opening game when they were one pin shy of rolling a 1000 game. The Letterman aggregation came back to take the second and third games handily with scores of 924 and 879, while their opponents were carding 916 and 741. Bing Crosby was high single game bowler with a 223 in the opening game. The contests were played on the Van Ness lanes.

Sergeant Wilcox was the high scorer of the evening with a 665 triple, followed by Sergeant Mottier with 530 for the three games. Other scorers in order, Corporal Marano, Sergeant Kuntz and Sergeant Yohe.

In the Tuesday night 915 league the Army Y.M.C.A. team of Kuntz, Yohe, Wilcox, Stevenson and Mottier dropped a two to one series to the Santa Fe Trailways team at the Downtown Bowl.

The Letterman bowlers will see action again Tuesday evening in their opening games of the San Francisco City Tournament which opened Saturday. Sergeant Wilcox, who has replaced Sergeant Stevenson of the Military Police, will round out an all-Letterman aggregation for tournament play. Sergeant Stevenson has been transferred away from the Presidio. Hopes are high that Medics may again win the league championship as they did in 1940.

Sergeant Kuntz displayed his versatility in the third game of the Ebonite series when he turned in a neat 156 bowling left handed after the Medics had established a comfortable lead.

Results of the 875 League are:

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

THE RESIDENTIAL TRA	ONE	TAKE					
Kuntz	171	185	156	512			
Yohe	134	174	155	463			
Marano	186	178	159	524			
Wilcox	220	235	210	665			
Mottier	179	152	199	530			
Series	890	924	879	2694			
EBONITES							

Whitney 189 198 127 514 Stampel

ή	Stamper	213	104	134	210
	Rosa	192	217	174	583
	Crosby	223	155	124	502
	Poli	182	192	192	546
	Series	999	916	741	2656

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Promotion Comes to Three Officers of **Technicians School**

Effective February 22nd, the promotion of three Medical Officers was made known at Letterman during the week when Captain Thomas A. Broderick, M.C. exchanged the bars of a Captain for the gold leaf of a Major and First Lieutenants James M. Geiger, M.C. and Wallace G. Gilbert, M.C. advanced to the rank of Captain. Formerly assigned to the hospital staff, all three men now serve as instructors at the Enlisted Technician School at Letterman, Major Broderick and Captain Geiger in the Medical School and Captain Gilbert in the Surgical School.

A native son, Major Broderick was born in San Francisco and attended California schools, Stanford University and University of San Francisco, before graduating from Rush Medical College at the University of Chicago. He served one year as an interne at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago and two years at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco.

He was appointed a contract surgeon in 1939 and assigned to Letterman Hospital. Appointed to the Medical Reserve Corps in July, 1940. he reported for active duty the following month. Major Broderick has spent almost all his time with the Receiving Office, Outpatient Service and the school.

Alto a native of California, Captain Geiger was born in Berkeley in 1913. He graduated from the University of California in 1935 and Harvard Medical School in 1939. Eighteen months were spent as an interne by the Captain at Boston City Hospital, Boston, Mass.

He received his reserve commission in 1939 and was called to active



Colonel CHARLES K. BERLE, M. C. Former Chief of the Medical Service who has assumed command of Barnes General Hospital at Vancouver, Washington.

ber, 1942, was served on the Medical months and appointment as Admit-Service and the remainder of the ting Resident Surgeon for six time he has been an instructor at months was served at the Los An-

Fourche, South Dakota, in 1914. August, 1941. His Reserve Commislege, Lincoln, Nebraska, where he February, 1942, he served on the obtained his B.S. in 1935, was com- Orthopedic Service and since that duty in October, 1941. His only sta- pleted at the College of Medical time as instructor in the Surgical tion has been Letterman Hospital. Evangelist, Los Angeles, graduating School at the hospital.

This time, October, 1941, to Septem- in 1939. An interne period of 18 geles County Hospital before report-Captain Gilbert was born at Belle ing for active duty at Letterman in His schooling, started at Union Col- sion was obtained in 1939. Until

Miss Decker Is the First of PTAs To Rank as 2nd Lieut.

The honor of being the first of the physical therapists to be given relative rank of Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States fell to Miss Rosemary Decker on Tuesday of this week when a telegram to the Commanding General advised him that Miss Decker had been appointed to that rank in the Physical Therapy Section of the Medical Department. She took the oath of office on Wednesday and will report for active duty in her new status on March 16th.

Lieutenant Decker was born in the state of Michigan but claims California as her home state. Most of her life has been spent on the west coast and her home at present is in Pomona, California. She attended the Pomona Junior College and Pomona College, where she majored in the sciences.

Upon graduating from school, Miss Decker made up her mind that her vocational choice was in Physical Therapy and applied for entrance to the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, California for training in this field. Her apprentice course was of six months' duration at this hospital, and after completing it she came to Letterman Hospital for another six-month period of training. She completed this last course of instruction and training on August 1, 1942 and since that time has seen duty as a full aide with the hospital Physical Therapy department.

Lieutenant Decker now enjoys the distinction of wearing the insignia and having the privileges of a commissioned officer of a new branch of service of the Army on this post, and one which soon will find, in all probability, many new members receiving appointments to round out that service.

WORK OF NATIONAL DEFENDERS CLUB RATES A BIG HAND

The National Defenders Club, with Miss Marion Leale, Chairman, completed its second year of continuous service, February 21, 1943. In the two-year period the club has become a "Home" for many thousand service men of all branches of the service. The National League for Women's Service of which the National Defenders Club is a war time service showed much foresight in having the doors of the club open to service men fully nine and one-half months before the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The past two years have seen more than two hundred members of the National League for Women's Service give freely of their time to provide for the comfort of service men, Army, Navy and Marines as well as Merchant Marines the world over . . . and to these men 449 Post Street, San Francisco, California has become a familiar and welcomed portal in which to turn.

"Build a better mouse trap and the world will beat a path to your door" certainly applies to the club. With little or no fanfare a steadily increasing stream of men turn into this door each day. Conveyed by way of mouth, the message of the graciousness of the Defenders Club has reached men all over the world.

Membership? Initial registration buys a membership into this club. There are no dues, no initiation fees. It is Home. And as Miss Leale expresses it the club was organized with that idea in mind . . . "a home is an important memory for the men of the world today. Memories are all that keep many a man sane, as he finds himself in the modern battlefield. . . . With all else familiar taken away, memories of home and all it personifies leap into sharp perspective; and to this—home—is the club dedicated.

The club is not primarily an entertainment center for men in uniform—if one interprets entertainment as the daily presenting of programs or the continual free feeding of the men who wear the uniforms of Uncle Sam. There are no programs presented in the Club, except at holiday times. With these the men help, thus making the holiday more their own. At those times there are always plenty of turkey sandwiches, coffee, milk, cakes, punch, fruit, nuts—in short, all the trimmings.

And at all times there is the Can-



A favorite corner of the club, the grill, finds the demand heavy for a "KP's Delight" sandwich, known as a "Mine Sweep" sandwich to the Navy.



The Navy enlists the help of the club hostess in solving a jig-saw puzzle.



Serving all Services, the Army, Navy, Marines and Merchant Marine visit the grill.

teen within the club itself, where calls increase daily for the now famous "mine sweep" sandwich called a "KP's Delight" by the Army-no left overs-and coffee. While the canteen counter is crowded with regularity, the work of the National Defenders' Club is not measured in terms of food and amusement. The Club is a service club for service men. It offers a room and facilities in which a man can be himself, do what he wants, be uninterfered with. But if he wants to talk, or wants advice he can always find them too. Much of the furnishing, assembled with a view to the comfort of men in mind, comes as gifts from friends. Deep seated sofas, old-fashioned rockers, light reed chairs which can be moved easily from reading table to writing desk or into a quiet corner, combine to make pleasant surroundings for leisure hours of the men who use the National Defenders' Club.

The pulse of the Club room is felt most definitely and comprehensively at the desk of the Officer of the Day. It is over this desk that pass requests for stationery, stamps, airmail stickers, the razors and electric irons, sewing kits and first aid kits. Confidence about the girl back home, a wedding to be solemnized within a few days, a word about the expected arrival of a baby, and multitudes of such matters are advised.

Symphony concerts, theatre productions, and opera are events which bring requests for tickets. The men in Uncle Sam's forces not only like the good things of life, frequently they crave the best. So in the "Special Interests" book, a little black one, are listed names of men who want tickets. Their requests are frequently followed by notations, "two tickets for The Corn Is Green" or "Stokowski Symphony" or "Marian Anderson" to offer but a few examples, and thus is the record kept of service to men who in civilian life were music lovers, theatregoers, singers, musicians, etc.

The importance of mail has been recognized at all times in the Club, where a mail basket containing incoming letters stands on the Geographical File of club members. The Geographical File is one of the "favorite pieces of furniture" in the room. Thousands of cards, showing addresses from all over the world

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in addition bear the name and address of each man who has registered at the Club. These cards are filed according to State and City and so provide anyone interested to see who from his home town has been in. The results of the "inspections" have brought brothers together, have united a father and his son, both now in the Navy, sent fraternity brothers or union pals rushing to find each other while time allows.

Lockers on the mezzanine floor of the club, shelter possessions of more than a hundred and twentyfive men who pay a nominal rental (ten cents a month) for that bit of space which they can call their own when off duty.

Services of the Defenders' Club have included instruction in foreign languages for men who need it for special assignment, lessons in mathematics or English composition, supplying technical books from the city library when they are not available in NDC's library of twelve hundred volumes—all catalogued and classified by volunteers who are professional librarians.

Two Christmases have passed since the National Defenders' Club was opened. On each of these the National League co-operated with other service organizations in San Francisco, making and filling service sewing and toilet kits, and supplying toilet gear and stationery. Gifts of sweaters, socks, sea stockings, mittens and wristlets, made by the volunteers on duty in the NDC have been passed along to men throughout the year. These were in addition to the thousands of knitted garments made by the National League knitting group.

The National Defenders' Club though two years old this war was very much in evidence during the last war as a result of the organization of the National League for Woman's Service, founded in 1917 in New York. Mrs. Duncan McDuffie was appointed President of the California Branch. And although the Armistice brought an end to actual war work the National League Board of Directors voted to continue for a test peace period. The results were successful beyond a doubt and the club embarked upon a million dollar project at 465 Post Street, and the present club house is the result.

The National League for Women's Street.



The main recreation room of the Defenders' Club.

Service has continued to grow and progress and at the present time it has a unique distinction. It is the only service group locally and probably nationally founded solely for "the training and serving of women" now responding to the call to arms in the organization of the National Defenders' Club as well as generous response in other fields. The club has responded to appeals from the Red Cross by forming Sewing and Knitting Clubs; calls were answered by the club for trained volunteers for Defense and Preparedness groups and sent trainees to Government Agencies; a call from the United States Navy was answered when evacuees we're brought in from the Islands after the bombings of December 7th, 1941 and cared for by the club until housing and transportation had been effected. And in a like manner, as during the first war, they have converted their club auditorium into a National Defenders' Club to provide a dignified haven for men in the services, who far from home appreciate the warmth of hospitality of the beautiful clubhouse at 449 Post

Looey Tagged by Old Army Term; Explanations

When you call yonder goldbrick "shavetail," know ye why you speak. According to the Dictionary of

American English now in preparation at the University of Chicago, "shavetail" was originally referred to as an unbroken mule. The term originated with the Army and was applied to mules because their tails are smooth down to the tufted tip.

Green looeys were tagged with the term because of their alleged stubburnness.

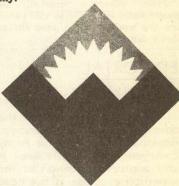
There is, however, another expianation from Army annals. In the cld days it was difficult for a newly made officer to acquire shirts with the customary shoulder flap as desired for Lt. Sir. Not to waste any time in finding a place for his bars. the Lieutenant allowed to retain his EM shirt, snipped out a few squares from the shirt tail and sewed them on as shoulder flaps. Thus the name "shayetail"

EM are privileged to select their choice of explanation—2nd Lieutenants have no choice.

-Golden Gate Guardian

New Western Defense Command Insignia Designed for Wear

A new shoulder sleeve insignia will soon make its appearance on troops in the Western Theater of Operations, it was announced today by Lieut. General John L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Araby.



The War Department has approved a design for a two-inch square, one point up, divided horizontally by a zig-zag line with two points down. The lower part is black and the upper part is red. The latter is charged with a yellow conventionalized sun issuing from behind the partition line.

The device, the square, is a geometric arrangement of mountains found throughout the Western Defense Command, and it also forms the letter "W", thus being symbolic of the Western Defense Command and indicating protection.

All non-divisional units assigned to the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, except Head-quarters and Headquarters Company, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, the Fourth Air Force and Harbor Defense organizations, will wear the new shoulder sleeve insignia, as soon as it is available.



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL GENUINE RELIEF

The announcement of the opening of the San Francisco Regional Office of the Army Emergency Relief this week is still another indication of the intention of those at the head of that organization to fill the letter and spirit the objective started when the Army Emergency Relief came into being.

It is a relative simple matter for dependents of soldiers formerly stationed at posts in the San Francisco bay area to make contact with the representa-tives of the A. E. R. at such stations. But for the dependent who had no prior association with the service before the induction or enlistment of a husband or son or father it is all new and very often discouraging in a time of financial stress.

In the office of the Army Emergency Relief in the Civic Auditorium in the Civic Center dependents of service men will find a sympathetic atmosphere and a readiness to be of service. The staff will keep the pledge to the men fighting afar that they will not have to worry about the continued well being of their loved ones at home. The A. E. R. will take over at any hour of the day or night when an emergency arises which calls for prompt action

The widest publicity will be given to the field covered by the A. E. R. and it is hoped that every one will be familiar both with the location of the new office and the broad scope of activity centering there.

The Army Emergency Relief is ready to function.



Miss Ethel Lee Barnicoat was born in Butte, Montana, and attended school in Butte and Los Angeles, California. She had her nurse's training at the Montana Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls from which she graduated in 1926, going on to Billings Deaconess Hospital in Billings, Montana, where she was the Surgical Floor supervisor for two years. Miss Barnicoat then came to California and became a staff nurse at the California Lutheran Hospital in Los Angeles which position she held for ten years, leaving there to go to the Los Angeles County Hospital where she remained until she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps on February 23. . . .

Miss Fern Hoghland was born in Winchell, Texas, and attended school in Arizona at Winslow and at St. Vincent's Academy in Albuquerque. She went on to her nurses training at St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque, graduating in 1932, and going on to private duty in Winslow, Arizona. Miss Hogland then went into the Indian Service at Truxton Canyon, leaving there to come to Santa Barbara, California where she joined the staff of the Nursing Cottage Hospital; she subsequently did private duty in Santa Barbara and was associated with the Hoff Hospital until February 22, 1943, when she took her oath for the Army Nurse Corps.

Miss Agnes M. Frank was born and reared in Sublimity, Oregon. After graduating from Mt. Angel Academy in Mt. Angel, Oregon, she went for her training to St. Joseph's Hospital in Vancouver. Upon completion of her training in 1938 Miss Frank returned to Mt. Angel where she obtained her Junior College certificate. She then went on to general duty at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland and at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene, Oregon, after which she did private duty in Portland and in Salem, Oregon, until she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps on February 23, 1943.

. . .

Mrs. Irene M. de Hinojosa was



Lieut. Sara C. Brogan, assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse, picking her morning bunch of posies and putting it in the right place.

1st Sgt. Eugene Gleason and Cpl. Buster Kelly sharing a room in Ward N-2 and preserving the rights of the Irish against all comers. . . .

A corner of the garden where Maurice Umans and Herman Levine were in conference. As former New Yorkers they were probably discussing the short cuts via the subway.

Lieut. Margaret Smith here for a brief visit from Minter Field and having luncheon with one of our highranking chiefs no less. . . .

Sgt. Joseph E. Mayer limping around on crutches after failing to make a quick getaway from one of his own gas bombs. . .

2nd Lieut. Theodore Clark. MAC... and newly commissioned back for a visit. Another one of our men who has made good.

Major William A. Fairfield, Army Air Force, pausing long enough to let his Purple Heart medal catch up with him.

Mr. Ernest Jakobs and his staff having plenty to do these days and nights and doing it all with a smile. . . .

St. Sgt. "Jerry" Gorby back on day duty and still blinking from the brightness of ordinary daylight.

She attended St. Mary's Academy in Los Angeles and was a stenographer for two years, until she went into nurses training at St. Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles. After completing her training in 1928 she went to Joliet Hospital in Joliet, Illinois, returning to private duty in Los Angeles. Mrs. de Hinojsa taught home nursing in Los Angeles until she became a Red Cross volunteer worker. She interviewed applicants for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at the induction center. She became a Red Cross nurse and finally became a born in Douglas, Arizona and spent member of the Army Nurses Corps much of her childhood in Mexico in Los Angeles on February 25.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, March 7, 1943

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

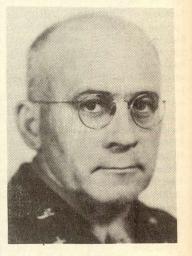
In the Post Theater:

at 4:30 p. m.

Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

The Lenten Season will begin on Wednesday, March 10. During Lent Mass will be offered in the Post Chapel daily except Sunday

Chaplain MacNeil To **Attend Chaplains** School at Harvard



CHAPLAIN MacNEIL

Chaplain Donald M. MacNeil left San Francisco on Tuesday of this week en route to Cambridge, Mass., where he will be a student at the next session of the Chaplains' School. The course covers four weeks and instruction is given in all matters coming within the activity of chaplains as military men.

Chaplain MacNeil plans to have a brief visit with his family at Yakima. Washington, on the return trip from Cambridge next month. ---

Many war plants are guarding the tires on their roadways by using electro-magnets on trucks to clear the highways of tire-piercing nails and bits of metal.

BUY BONDS—BYE BYE JAPS

ON THE SPOT



JOSEPH H. TOPPING Private, U. S. Infantry

"A group of men just in front of me had silenced a machine gun nest," he said, "I saw them go forward and I started to follow them when it happened." Thus does a slim, brown-haired young man who is lying right now in a bed in ward F-2 of Letterman Hospital describe how he was wounded in the battle at Guadalcanal.

Although scarcely turned 21, PFC Joseph R. Topping of Jewett City, Conn., has to his credit nearly three years of military service, of which more than one year has been spent in duty overseas.

It was back in June of 1941 that young Topping, then just 18, was mustered into service along with the rest of the Massachusetts National Guard organization of which he was a member.

Active duty for Joe's outfit meant drill and plenty of it and from June until January, 1942, they remained in the United States. But, on January 16, they got aboard a transport that landed them in Australia.

Joe's stay in the land of the kangaroo was brief, three weeks to be exact, then off they went again, this time to New Caledonia. Here they remained for eight months of drill and guard duty, not much action in that, Joe complained.

But there was plenty of action in the offing. Joe's unit was one of the first of the Army outfits to be sent to Guadalcanal to assist our battling Marines.

Joe's first battle nearly proved to be his last. He was wounded by a bullet in the abdomen, taken to a field hospital, and sent here on December 28.

Joe was a very sick boy for a long time. He's not a well one yet, but his doctors, his parents, and Joe himself are all confident that he is going to be.

The Inquiring Line-

Q. I'm over 38 years old. How do I go about getting an honorable discharge from the Army?

able discharge from the Army?
A. Here are the War Department requirements: (1) The soldier must attain his 38th birthday on or before Feb. 28, 1943; (2) he must have enlisted or have been inducted into the Army on or before Feb. 28, 1943; (3) he must submit a written request for discharge prior to May 1, 1943. (Commanding officers are authorized to extend the time in cases where the soldier did not have sufficient opportunity to file his application.) (4) he must present written evidence that, if discharged, he will be employed in an essential industry, including agriculture; (5) his release will not seriously affect the efficiency of the organization to which he is assigned.

Q. Is it true that the pistol was named after an Italian?

A. No—but it was named after the Italian town, Pistoia.

Q. Do servicemen overseas have to file an income tax return?

A. No. The date for filing a return and making payment is automatically postponed for a serviceman serving outside the continental limits of the U. S. for as long as he remains in overseas service during the present war. If you're in this country you pay.

Q. Does the debt moratorium for servicemen also cover members of the WAACs?

A. Yes. Members of the WAAC receive all the benefits provided by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.

Q. Can anyone, except a serv-

iceman, make application to receive an allowance under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942?

A. If the serviceman does not make the application, his dependents may make it, or persons acting in behalf of the dependents.

Q. I plan to make out my income tax return this week. What are the personal exemptions for servicemen?

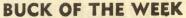
A. If single, \$500; if married, \$1,200. In addition, all servicemen below the grade of a commissioned officer receive a specific exclusion from income of \$250 for single men and \$300 for married men and heads of families. If you're a married man and separated from your wife or family because of military service, the separation has no effect on your personal exemption as a married man or head of the family. You're still the boss!

Q. Is it improper to wash the American flag?

A. Absolutely not. It is no disrespect to wash or dry-clean an American flag. It is also proper to mend the flag when torn, unless it is in such bad condition that it would be a discredit to the owner if displayed.

Q. How much does it cost to train a soldier 12 months?

A. The War Department estimates the cost for 12 months of full-time training for a soldier in the U. S. Army is between \$1,500 and \$2,000—the difference in cost is largely the difference between training a foot soldier and a mechanized soldier, the latter being costlier.





Pvt. Harry E. Theiler

Reaching into the dank, dark depths of "the dungeon", as those who work in the hospital baggage department term their place of business, we haul forth for the inspection of the general public the soldier who graces our pages as the Buck of the Week, Pvt. Harry E. Theiler.

Pvt. Theiler was born in the East Bay metropolis of Oakland, but migrated early in his life to Manteca, California, in San Joaquin county, where he has since made his home.

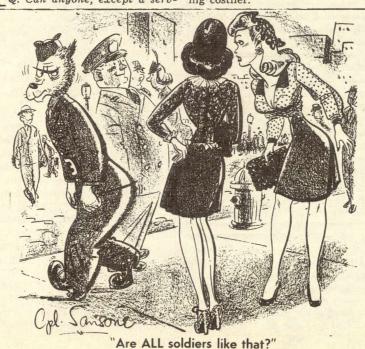
Graduation from the Manteca grade schools and high school was followed by two years of study spent at the University of California College of Agriculture at Davis. Pvt. Theiler concluded his college work in 1928.

College over, Pvt. Theiler returned to Manteca once more and went to work for the Standard Oil company as a filling station attendant there, a position he retained until 1939 when Pvt. Theiler launched himself into the world of business as the owner and operator of an independent gas station in Manteca.

Our private, who, incidentally, is unmarried, maintained his own business until September 20, 1942, when the United States Army succeeded in acquiring his services.

After a six-day induction stay at the Presidio of Monterey, Pvt. Theiler was sent to this post on September 20, where he has remained since.

Sportsminded since the days when he captained two Manteca high school football teams, Pvt. Theiler still finds that his interests in recreational activities run to athletics. Also a baseball star during school days, he has followed that sport avidly since, and for several seasons managed and caught for the Manteca team in a fast semi-professional league.



A welcome is extended the following men who joined this station during the week. Tom Orange, Mentia Carrere and Jesse Wallace.

Discharged during the week for the convenience of the government we wish much success to the following men: Former Sergeant Geddes E. Pickrell, former Corporal Clyde W. Nelson, former Privates First-Class Kenneth E. Wright, Ray Holmes and Michael Emerick and former Privates Beneficio Mores, Walter L. Stanley, Melicio L. Gaoaen, Alfred G. Hermes, Henry W. Martin, Stanley H. Peterson and Jose G. Valdrez.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Charles W. Walton, appointed Technician Thirdgrade; Andrew M. Travino, Laurence E. Pearson, Carmen F. Felice and Verdean J. Herboldt, appointed Sergeants; Oren A. Fuller, Arthur F. Glenn, Amos Skadheim and Chester E. Andrews, appointed Technicians Fourth-grade; Braulio P. Lizardo, Kenneth M. Sack, Russell N. Woods, William R. Mathias, Bernard W. Dooley and Paul V. Weaver, appointed Technicians Fifth-grade; and Francis C. Davenport, Carl W. Hoffschneider and Willard C. Rickard, appointed Privates First-class.

Of interest to detachment members was the marriage of Sgt. Curtis R. Pihe and Miss Edrena J. Newman on February 27.

The marriage was performed by Chaplain Donald M. MacNeil in the Post Chapel at Letterman and was witnessed by Sgt. Ross H. Morey and Mr. Joseph Minore.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/Sgt. James C. Strickland with a pleasant word for and concerning everyone. A welcome relief.

Sgt. Arthur F. Harris making and severing conections with a young lady in one simple operation. It was the correct phone number but the wrong girl.

Cpl. Moon J. Lee, new dart champ since Sgt. Bell went to O.C.S.

S/Sgt. Wylie J. Dunn's abilitay to disappear when he has a special engagement.

Sgt. Edward Blythin still prefers to have breakfast with a young lady from the Administration Building rather than in the Mess Hall.

NINTH SERVICE COMMAND CHAPLAIN WATCHES US WHILE WE WORK



JULIUS J. BABST Chaplain (Colonel) U. S. Army Chief Chaplain for the 9th Service Command

Colonel Julius J. Babst, Service Command Chaplain from Fort Douglas, Utah, visited at Letterman Hospital over last week end on an official tour of inspection.

As director of all chaplains of the Ninth Corps Area, which embraces eight states and the territory of Alaska, Colonel Babst has a record of more than twenty-five years of service as an army chaplain and is a man of wide experience and rare judgement whose activities have won him many honors and decora-

Chaplain Babst began his military career when he was assigned to the Fifth Cavalry before the first World War. Since then he has served in many army posts throughout the United States and in Germany, France, Hawaii, Panama and the Philippines as well.

In the first World War Colonel Babst was overseas for two years during which time he served with the infantry and the Marines in six his ordination as a Roman Catholic major engagements.

Loath to talk about the many medals and decorations which adorn his tunic, they nevertheless constitute a great tribute to his service and his achievements.

Among the decorations he has received are The Distinguished Service Cross with oak leaf cluster; Silver Star; Purple Heart; Victory Medal with six bars, and The Mexican Border Medal from the United States. The Republic of France has bestowed upon him the Croix de Guerre with palm; Croix with Star; Verdun Medal; Chateau Thierry Medal; Fourragere; Da Croix De Guerre; German Occupation Medal, and Defense Medal.

Colonel Babst has seen regimental service; has been attached to a division; an Army Corps and now with the Ninth Service Command. His has been a distinguished career as a servant of God and Country since Priest in April of 1905.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

The big THRILL came to three of the boys last week-end. Technicians Fourth Grade Donald E. Stone, Lawrence F. Miller and Daniel F. Thomas grinned from ear to ear when informed they were detailed for a trip WITH DELAY. Hard work paid off big dividends this time, didn't it fellows?

The groans heard in the barracks, in the early hours, would be quite alarming if one was unaware of the fact that they are merely caused by the "Sad Sacks" getting up for calisthenics. And at 4:45 A. M., no

EXTRA CURRICULAR: The Awkward Squad. Nice to see daily additions to the 6 to 7 P. M. Drill Squad. The course should create a definite improvement in the art of drill, to say nothing of the future conduct of those taking the course.

CLIMBING THE LADDER OF SUCCESS- Former T/4th Gr. Harris L. Hitt is now proudly wearing Staff stripes, and well deserved. Former Cpl. Eugene H. Beals, promoted to T/4th Gr. Good luck and best wishes to Mrs. Sgt. Beals.

Another graduation day is here and thanks to the hard, sincere efforts of the Officers and enlisted instructors, the service is richer by so many more trained technicians to care for those who have so unselfishly earned that care.

The boys have again, in no uncertain manner, expressed their appreciation to the Red Cross . . . entirely voluntarily, they heeded the call and have donated the sum of \$63.25 to this fine organization.

A most sincere welcome to Capt. Richard Kilhullen, who arrived this week to take over the duties of Director of X-ray School. Our wishes for the Captain's success are secondary only to our assurance of complete co-operation.

ITS A SIGHT TO SEE - Cpl. Henry O. Pazzella, wacky about a WAAC, and a sergeant too!

Scarlett O'Shea's new interest in "Dive Bombing" !!!

America's automobiles and buses have passenger-carrying capacities for 124,000,000 persons, according to statistical information reported by the California State Automobile Association.

First Army Nurse Makes Landing at Guadalcanal Isle

Especially chosen by her associates for the honor of being the member of the Army Nurse Corps to perform the duties of hospital plane nurse, Lieut. Mae Olsen merely went back to the routine of her civilian occupation before joining up with the armed forces. Miss Olsen was an airline stewardess-nurse prior to appointment in the Army Nurse Corps.

Another "first" also fell to Lieut. Olsen when her hospital plane landed at Guadalcanal as she was the first American woman to put foot on the soil of that island since hostilities began. Her stay was very brief.

The purpose of the visit was to put several injured soldiers on board the plane and fly them to a hospital in a quiet sector.

Commissions Open For New Sanitary Engineers in Army

Commissions as first lieutenants in the Army of the United States await 68 sanitary engineers who meet the liberal qualifications governing age and physical condition for such appointments, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah.

Applicants must have completed a four-year college course and received a bachelor's degree in civil, sanitary or chemical engineering, and must have had at least four years experience in sanitary and public health engineering, including two of the following activities: Mosquito control, rodent control, water supply and sewage treatment.

A master's degree in sanitary engineering may be substituted for one-half years experience and qualification.

Applicants must not be more than 45 years old. Men in limited service will be acceptable.

Since a quota of two candidates has been set for each district, prospective candidates in Northern California are urged to submit applications immediately to the field office of the San Francisco Procurement District, 328 Flood Building, 870 Market Street, San Francisco Calif

MISS VIVIAN LANE ASSUMES DUTIES AS ASST. FIELD DIRECTOR FOR ARC



MISS VIVIAN LANE
Assistant Field Director, American Red Cross, Social Service
Staff. Letterman General Hospital.

Bringing with her a wealth of experience as a practising social worker and psychologist in many cities through the United States, Miss Vivian Lane this week assumed her new position as assistant field director of the Letterman Hospital Red Cross office.

Miss Lane was born at Harbor Spring, Michigan, from where after graduation from the local grade school and high school, she went to Western State college at Kalamazoo, graduating four years later with a degree in psychology and sociology. "I worked my way through the school," says Miss Lane, "by acting as secretary to five psychology professors."

The next year, Miss Lane left Michigan for New York City and Columbia University where she spent one year in study toward her Master's degree, returning then to Michigan to teach general science in Kalamazoo High School.

As a student worker at Detroit's famous Childrens Center, Miss Lane next worked and studied under a very noted social worker, Dr. Maude Watson.

of the San Francisco Procurement District, 328 Flood Building, 870 York, she entered upon a course of Market Street, San Francisco, Calif. Study at New York University and this hospital.

was graduated in 1935 with an M. A. in mental hygiene.

The position of social worker at the city social center next led Miss Lane to Allentown, Pennsylvania, where she spent the next four years, combining her position as a social worker with that of teacher of mental hygiene at nearby Cedar Crest college.

From Allentown, Miss Lane went back to New York again for specialized study in sociology at the New York School of Social Work, taking her second Master of Arts degree there in 1939.

After one summer spent as psychiatric social worker at the Manhattan Summer Playschool, an institution for refugee children, in New York, she came to California for the first time as psychiatric social worker in the Bureau of Child Guidance at San Diego.

Here again Miss Lane combined her work with teaching, conducting advanced forums in sociology an assisting with student thesis work at San Diego State college.

In November, 1942, Miss Lane returned home to Michigan and there secured a position with the American Red Cross. A three-weeks course in Red Cross work followed, and Miss Lane was then assigned to this hospital.

Y. M. C. A.



PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO SATURDAY, MARCH 6:

10:15 a.m. SWIM for boys on the Post

8:00 p.m. DANCE to the music of the 4th Army Dance Orchestra.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7:

6:00 p.m. Feature movie "ALIAS
THE DEACON" with Bob
Burns and Mischa Auer.
Plenty of laughs!

7:20 p.m. SINGSPIRATION

7:40 p.m. Vesper Services

8:30 p.m. MUSICAL AND POPU-LAR SING, with Ed Rickman and Vera Frazier.

ARE YOU NUTS?

The following notice appeared in a recent publication:

"If you have a secretary who talks too long on the telephone the Federal Communications Commission (unofficially) recommends you just say "nuts' to her. "NUTS" stands for "No unnecessary talking, Sister."

Comments Lt. Col. Shivers "Suppose for men the correct word is 'son'."



To Dr. and Mrs. Raoul C. Psaki, a son, James F. Psaki, born February 26, weight seven pounds five ounces.

To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Wayne Robinson, a daughter, Margaret Ann Robinson, born February 26, weight six pounds, eleven ounces.

To T/5th gr. and Mrs. William R. Halvorson, a son, Darius Halvorson, born February 27, weight six pounds, twelve ounces.

A new plaster material for fireproofing a room against incendiary bombs is said to withstand direct exposure to a blow-torch flame at 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit for 20 minutes when applied to wood, concrete, metal, glass, and standard plaster.

OUR CAMERAMAN



ALFRED R. TATE Pfc. Signal Corps

"I'm a photographer because I had to make a very expensive hobby pay off,' that's Alfred R. Tate's explanation of how he happened to choose the profession which has given him a berth with the Signal Corps at this post and the more or less doubtful honor of being Our Cameraman this week.

Tate dates his interests in photography from school days in Oakland where he was born and grew up. After high school, he launched himself on a business career as a clerk in the office of a Honolulu telephone company, where he spent several bored months trying to keep business from interfering with pleasure.

Having demonstrated to his own satisfaction that he wasn't cut out for a life in the marts of trade and commerce, PFC Tate returned to the mainland and started out as a freelance photographer.

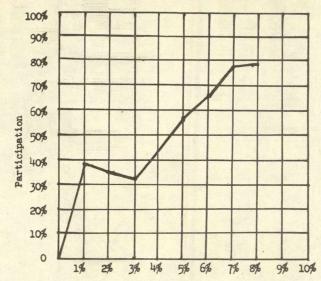
Several years of experience and a little luck finally gave him the job he was seeking, that of newspaper photographer for the Oakland Tribune. "This has always been my favorite type of photography," he says. "I would have been there right up to the time of my induction, if the most beautiful girl I have ever photographed hadn't turned out to be a resident of Los Angeles."

The girl went back to Los Angeles and so did PFC Tate. An assistant to Pat Clark, staff cameraman for Screen Actor's Guild and American Cinematographer magazine, Tate had the opportunity to shoot many of the big name glamor girls and other celebrities.

"A swell spot to be in," Tate comwork." During his spare time he proudest husband in the world."

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

PATIENT: The War Bond Campaign. ATTENDING: Civilian and Military Personnel.



Investment

DIAGNOSIS: Patient has history of improvement in Participation. Investment has been slightly stimulated by recent pay increase. Definite signs of improvement.

PRESCRIPTION: Added payroll deductions with periodic increases in investment.

War expenditures by the United States Government totaled \$6,254,-000,000 in January. This was 2.1 per cent higher than December and 185 per cent higher than in January, 1942. The average daily rate of expenditure in January was \$240,500,-000, compared with \$235,600,000 in December. The January 1942, \$81,-200,000 was spent daily for war pur-

managed to convince the girl that she should become Mrs. Tate.

"We were married last August and two weeks later the President honored the occasion by sending me one of his famous letters, to wit: Greetings, you are honored to serve your country in the armed forces of the United States, or words to that

"At any rate," says Alfred, "I'v been in since September 9, 1942 and am happy to have a steady, fulltime job as an Army photographer ments, "but it could hardly be called and a part-time job of being the

Banking Facilities

For the convenience of Army personnel and civilian employees at the Presidio, Fort Winfield Scott and Letterman General Hospital, banking facilities was established at the Presidio Monday by the American Trust Company.

The office is located in Building No. 140 on Graham Street.

Banking services will include paying and receiving facilities for Army personnel, Finance Officers, and custodians of various unit funds as well as the sale of War Bonds and Stamps, money orders and cashier's checks.

The Bank's staff will include Douglas B. Odell, Supervising Manager and Earl L. McCargar, Assistant Cashier in charge.

Excessive tire wear may be caused by shock absorbers that are weak or in need of adjusting and allow the wheels to bounce around too much.

Our Keglers Change Uniforms and Lose Two Out of Three

Representing the Army Y.M.C.A., the Letterman bowling team went down to defeat in a two-out-ofthree game series in the 915 Traveling League at the Golden Gate Bowling Alley. Their opponents Uncle Andy's Cavern, won the first two games by narrow margins and the Medics came back to take the last game with a 59-pin lead-to gain total pinnage for the series.

Corporal Frank Marano was high bowler for the evening with a 583 total, followed by Sgt. Kuntz with a 560. Cpl. Marano found the groove in the lanes after the first three balls and from there went on to win high honors.

The San Francisco Championship Tournament, which ended last Sunday night, saw only one Letterman bowler who was up in the first three. Cpl. Marano finished third in the Senior Division Singles and was sixth in the All Events, with a total pinnage of 1870 for nine games, an average of 207. Cpl. Marano will receive a large cash award for his efforts and his name will enter the San Francisco Bowling Association records for the first time.

The results of last night's games

ARMY YMCA

Kuntz	180	161	219	560	
Yohe	165	158	184	507	
Marano	193	178	212	583	
Wilcox	181	151	175	507	
Mottier	168	168	182	518	
UNCLE ANDY'S CAVERN					
C. Clarke	204	176	151	531	
F. Jenecko	127	153	202	446	
W. Rasmussen	194	159	202	555	
E. Coburn	160	195	201	556	

BE A BLOOD DONOR TODAY SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW

BUY BONDS—BYE BYE JAPS TO BUST THE BUMS



Woodrow H. Schenebeck Thomas P. Clifford Congrats!!!

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PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1943

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Lieut. Beth Veley Transferred to New Field of Activity

Ordered to report at Fort Douglas, Utah for re-assignment, 1st Lieutenant Beth A. Veley, A.N.C., will leave Letterman this week for her new station at Salt Lake City.

Chief Nurse of the Procurement of Nurses her tenure at Letterman has included public relations work and has taken her to all the major cities of the west coast in recruiting new nurses for the service, as well as bond promotion and dedication tours. Miss Veley's last official duty before reporting at her new station will be the christening of a Liberty Ship at the shipyards of one of the west coast cities.

Born and raised in San Jose, California, Miss Veley has been associated with the nursing profession since leaving the public schools at San Jose. Her three year nursing course was completed in 1934 at the Highland Hospital, Oakland, Calif., after which she was employed at the Santa Clara County Sanitarium, specializing in the surgical treatment of tuberculosis. She terminated her services here in 1939 and enrolled in the San Francisco College for Women with a major in nursing administration as her goal, and ultimately achieved the title of Public Health Nursing Administrator in tuberculosis.

The Army had other plans, however, and in November, 1940, Miss Veley reported for active duty with the Army Nurse Corps at the Presidio of Monterey, California and served there for one year. December, 1941, found Miss Veley in the Philippine Islands and during the following eighteen months she served at Sternberg and Bataan General Hospitals and Fort Mills. When the Japanese Army completed its occupation of the islands, Miss Veley

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YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE RED CROSS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED



PHYLLIS HOWARD JONES

Receptionist at the office of the Red Cross who smooths the first contact of the patients with the Social Service staff. Mrs. Jones is the wife of an officer now serving in the Southwest Pacific and knows the value of a cordial reception to the sick and wounded.

Those who wish to make contributions to the current campaign to support the world wide work of the American Red Cross may leave cash or checks at the Red Cross office on the second floor of the Administration Building or give directly to any member of the Social Service Staff. The campaign has the warm approval of the Commanding General and he believes the personnel of Letterman will surpass their generous donations of former years.

National Commander Of American Legion Visits Letterman

Under the personal escort of Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, the Commanding General, Mr. Roane L. Waring, the national Commander of the American Legion, and Mr. Warren Atherton, chairman of the legion's national defense committee, were taken on a tour of inspection of Letterman Hospital on Sunday morning last.

The visiting dignitaries were given an intimate view of the processes connected with the admission and treatment of the sick and wounded and Commander Waring had an opportunity to talk with several of the wounded men who have returned from the Pacific battle areas.

Later in the day in commenting on his chats with the patients, Mr. Waring made a plea for sacrifice on the home front comparable with that of the American soldiers and sailors facing the enemy in action.

"No person," he said, "who talked with those boys could fail to realize his own responsibility to do his own part. Those men did not make their sacrifices for private gain. They were not interested in short hours, extra pay, or making a fortune out of war industries. They were simply doing their jobs as American soldiers.

"There are pathetic cases out there. But even the most pathetic are cheerful and, I am sure, would be willing to pay the same price again for their country.

"It's up to the people on the home front to feel the same way, to do their utmost without thought of gain."

Commander Waring is making a nationwide visitation of Army camps and hospitals at the invitation of the War Department.

PERCY JONES GENERAL HOSPITAL FORMALLY DEDICATED

military and governmental officials, the new 1,500 bed Percy Jones General Hospital was dedicated on Monday, February 22 at Battle Creek,



COLONEL PERCY L. JONES

Michigan, in an impressive cere-

Guests at the ceremony were welcomed by Major General Henry S. Aurand, Commanding General of the Sixth Service Command. Major General James C. Magee, The Surgeon General, delivered the address of acceptance of the portrait of the late Colonel Percy L. Jones, M. C., which was unveiled by Mrs. Percy Jones. Governor Harry F. Kelly, governor of Michigan, was another speaker.

This newest of army hospitals was purchased in May 1942, from the Battle Creek Sanitarium for \$2,341,-100. It includes the main building, two wings formerly the Sanitarium's men's and women's bath, the central heating plant, a warehouse, several cottages, East hall and the outdoor swimming pool.

Colonel Percy L. Jones, for which the hospital is named, served for more than 30 years as an army medical officer, commanded ambulance units in France during the First World War, and was surgeon at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, until his retirement from the Army in 1931.

A close friend of Col. Norman T. Kirk, commanding officer of the new hospital, Colonel Jones served as superintendent of the Erie general hospital, a civilian institution in Erie, Pa., until his death in 1941.

Colonel Jones was born May 26, 1875, in Taylorville, Georgia. He was

Highlighted by speeches of high a graduate of Medicine from the University of Tennessee in 1897. On May 13, 1898, he was appointed Captain and Assistant Surgeon of the First Volunteer Infantry and served in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. He entered the Medical Corps of the Regular Army as an Acting Surgeon July 10, 1903. He was graduated from the Army Medical School in 1904 and from the Medical Field School Advanced Course in 1928.

> His duties in France extended from August, 1917, to June, 1919, participating in the Oisne-Aisne, the St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne offensives. Upon returning to this country, Colonel Jones was assigned to the Army Medical School in Washington, D. C.

Because of his high professional standards and unselfish devotion to service, Colonel Jones was the recipient of many enviable citations. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star, membership in the French Degion of Honor (Chevalier) and the Italian Order of St. Maurice and Lazarus (Officer). While serving as Commander of the U.S. Ambulance Service with the French Armies in France, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

vice are behind Col. Norman T. Kirk, for whom the new institution is his first command of a general hospital, although he has served in several, including Letterman, as chief of the surgical service.

Colonel Kirk was born January 3, 1888, in Maryland and entered the Army's Medical Reserve Corps in 1913, after having received his medical degree in June, 1910, from the University of Maryland.

During the first World War, he served in Brownsville, Texas, as junior officer of Field Hospital No. 3, commanded by Colonel Jones. He also took part in the expedition to Vera Cruz and for a time trained medical department troops at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

He was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1916 and to the rank of Major in May, 1917. During the war, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and afterward was returned to his former rank of Major. He again became Lieutenant-Colonel in 1933 and attained his present rank in May, 1939.

From January 26, 1936, until December 6, 1940, Colonel Kirk served as Chief of the Surgical Service at Letterman Hospital. He filled the same positions at Sternberg General Hospital, Manila, and Walter Reed Thirty years of army medical ser- General Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Colonel Kirk is a fellow of the American College of Surgery, the American Board of Surgery, the American Orthopedic Association, the American Association for Surgery of the Trauma, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery, and the American Surgical society.

He is married and has two chil-

A graphic description of the physical plant and facilities of the new institution is provided in a recent issue of the Battle Creek "Enquirer and News", which reads, in part, as follows:

"It's a hike and a half-two hours and more-to even hit the high spots of the Army's new Percy Jones General Hospital.

"But when the trip's done, the visitor realizes the hospital is laid out in a definite, efficient plan under which departments dovetail and services are so placed that maximum speed and efficiency in treatment are possible.

"Step by step, building by building, here's what was done:

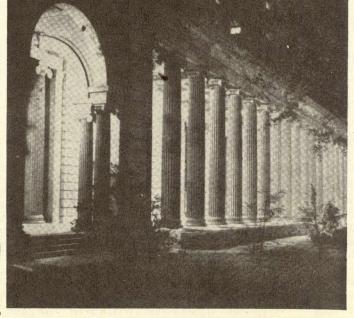
"In building No. 1, the former main Sanitarium building, the basement was reconditioned and in it were located the quartermaster clothing issue section and supply store and a commissary. Also in the basement is the hospital's morgue, equipped with a nine-body refrigerator and a 60-seat ampitheatre for autopsies.

"No structural changes were made in the main floor of No. 1 building, but it now houses administrative offices, the sergeant major's section, a postoffice and information desk.

"On the mezzanine floor are the hospital's chapel and its fictional and medical library.

"From the second to the 10th floor major alterations have been made to change rooms into wards. Walls have been knocked out at hall ends to provide multi-bed wards, and other rooms were renovated to provide space for more beds. By this work, the capacity of each floor was increased from about 52 to 74 beds. The 11th, 12th and 13th floors are used for nurses and officers wards. In this building also are the Quartermaster, Finance, Civilian Personnel, Mess, Procurement, Post Engineer and Medical Supply offices.

"Building No. 2 contains the patients' clothing and baggage room (Continued on page eight)



THE COLLONADE

DISCIPLINED DOGS ARE A DELIGHT TO DENIZENS OF LGH

If you are numbered among those individuals who still think that "you can't teach an old dog new tricks," don't tell it to Mr. Ray Courtright of San Francisco. For Mr. Courtright is a gentleman who has spent most of his adult life, a considerable amount of money, and more patience than ten men might normally be expected to possess, in demonstrating that the capacity of canines to absorb tricks is almost infinite, and has won the reputation of being one of America's foremost dog trainers in the bargain.

The personnel and patients at Letterman, in common with thousands of service men in the Bay area, have been entertained with the act in recent months.

Principals in the show are Lobo, a 10-year-old Belgian Gruhendahel or sheep dog, Junior, also Belgian Shepard, six years old, and Queenie, a three-year-old Belgian Malinois, or seeing-eye dog.

During his boyhood on a ranch in Humboldt County, California, Mr. Courtright developed his first interest in the training of dogs. When he moved to San Francisco he brought the hobby, and several dogs, with him. In the city, he worked as a street car motorman, and trained the animals on the side.

The training of a dog must begin when it is about eight months old, Courtright says. Simple obedience to command is the first lesson. A young puppy must be taught to lie, stand or come on command from its master.

When these lessons are thoroughly learned, the dog is ready to enter training of a more complicated sort. The cardinal rule of training, Cart right says, is to never strike a dog. "If you strike him," he says, "he becomes nervous and tries to do all his tricks at once, the result is that he can do none of them." When your pup does the desired thing in the desired way, reward him with a friendly pat and a kind word, they always know by the tone of your voice that they've done what you want.

Not every dog can be trained for show purposes, he says. "Can every anything, some can't."

Courtright divides dog training into two periods, the dividing line being the invention of sound movies. Dog men, always with an eye cocked respond to hand signals.



A large audience entertained by the performance of the trained police dogs. Mr. Courtright uses signals instead of words or spoken commands.



Special tire insurance inaugurated by Mr. Courtright to protect his precious rubber wheel cushions.

toward the lucrative profits to be gained in the movies, were quick to see that verbal signals to direct their animals would be picked up on the sound track, consequently, a series of visual signals had to be developed.

The system Courtright developed with his animals was made the subsoldier become a general?" "Dogs ject of a short movie released are the same way, some can learn through Paramount Pictures, part of a series of films entitled "Unusual Occupations." Lobo and Junior were the stars of the short, which illustrated how dogs may be trained to

Another of the Courtright acts was featured in the column of "Believe It or Not" Bob Ripley. Courtright trained a cat named Mickey to ride on Lobo's back through the traffic of downtown San Francisco. Not even the presence of another dog could induce the cat to leave his perch. Ripley thought the act so unusual that he featured it in one of his columns.

Courtright is a firm believer in cleanliness and the right food for his animals. They must be washed frequently and fed right, he says. of his, you really have something."

His three animals get meat three or four times a week, with such items as cooked spinach, lettuce and other vegetables and prepared dog food at other meals.

Fleas, those little animals that make a dog's life a dogs life, are practically unknown to Lobo, Junior and Queenie. Courtright attributes it to their living quarters, he never allows his dogs to sleep on rags, but uses newspapers instead.

Each of the animals has been in training since puppyhood, and they still get eight hours of it every day. The veteran trainer is constantly on the alert for new tricks to teach to them

"My programs are never the same," Courtright claims, "that's why the folks like to see them again." The most popular act he has ever staged was a mock fight between Lobo and Junior. At a signal from their owner, the two animals will leap at each others throats, and have to be restrained by the trainer. At another signal, they instantaneously cease fighting, and Lobo has been trained to put his front paws around Junior's neck in a gesture of forgiveness. This, Courtright says, always brings down the house.

The most difficult act he claims, is one in which Lobo unties a knot, consisting of two half hitches over a clove hitch, with his teeth. That took about nine months to be thoroughly learned. Courtright claims he got the idea from watching a rival dog act in which one of the animals chewed through a heavy rope to release another one. "I taught my dogs to save the rope," Courtright says, smiling, "it's an expensive item."

Although he now has his act booked in nearly every army, navy and marine station in the San Francisco area, Courtright is looking for greater worlds to conquer. He is seeking a service club to sponsor his act in camps throughout California and the Pacific coast, and hopes to make entertaining service men his full-time occupation.

Courtright is unmarried, and smiles reminiscently when he recalls being asked that question by a San Francisco newspaperman several years ago. "No," Courtright replied, "I'm not married, I have no hobbies." "Mr. Courtright," the journalist wrote in his story, "regards a wife as a hobby, but if you can find a wife as well trained as those dogs

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EDITORIAL

BASIC TOLERANCE

Tolerance is not a word of unity. It is a word which keeps disunity alive. A self-righteous neighbor tolerates a neighbor whom he does not respect. Let us be done with this thin word, this frayed rope of unity. A man respects his neighbor and he respects his neighbor's creed. Above all, he respects his neighbor's right to have a creed.

To make certain that the rights of our citizens shall be and remain equally sacred and sacredly equal is the responsibility of the majority. In a democracy such as ours much is said of the powers of majorities. We would do well to think and speak more of the duties and responsibilities of majorities. It is significant to have power but it is a vital refor right ends.

A minority should not be compelled to assert its rights. It is the duty of the majority to be worthy of its trust. It must know that whatever it denies a minority, it ultimately denies itself. It is the glory of American that as the nation is OF all, the majority is FOR all. -William Hays.

MOVING PICTURES

Tuesday and Wednesday,

March 16 and 17:

FATHER TAKES A WIFE-Adolph Menjou and Gloria Swanson.

Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday,

March 18 and 19:

WHISTLING IN THE DARK-Red Skelton and Ann Rutherford.

Also Short Subjects and News.

Saturday and Sunday,

March 20 and 21:

ICELAND - Sonja Henie and John



The welcome mat was down last week with an extra flourish for the return of a former Letterman favorite whose exodus last September caused her many friends and admirers to lament. The fair recipient of the welcoming smiles and "glad to see you' handshakes is Second Lieutenant Ruth Wagner. She first saw the light of day in Norris City, Ill. After completing her schooling she went into nurses training at the City Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind., where she graduated in 1934. In 1937 she became a civilian nurse at Fort Benjamin Harrison where she remained until 1940, when she came to Letterman Hospital. Her skill and devotion to duty were outstanding and she was in charge of Ward A-1 when she retired from active nursing and settled in San Francisco, September last. Realizing that training and experience such as hers are invaluable to her country, Mrs. Wagner signed up as a member of the Army Nurse Corps on March 6, 1943. Her radiant smile bears out her statement that she is glad to be back at Letterman Hos-

On her way East to use up a sponsibility to use that power month's sick leave to best advantage is Second Lieutenant Melora Robinson of our nursing staff. She was born and reared in Augusta, Me., and left her home town to go to business college but decided she was not meant to be a career girl and went into nurses training at Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Boston, where she graduated in 1937. She then did private duty until April of 1942 when she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps. Shortly thereafter Lieutenant Robinson found herself in the Australian region where she remained until last December when she returned to the United States and was a patient here until February 28 when she was given her sick leave.

> Miss Harriet Marcotte was born in Portland, Ore., and attended graduating in 1927. She then did eral Hospital.



Captain Robley D. Ellis losing an eight-seven-day leave by a stroke of the pen. He got it the same way.

. . . Colonel Euclid B. Frick, one time commanding officer of this hospital, dropping in to explain that a "shavetail" was a newly purchased mule in the days of the Old Army. It was the army practice to let the hair grow on the mule's tail and the officer's face so when the new lieut. managed to grow a beard he ceased to be a shavetail as did the mule.

Colonel Harold W. James, Service Command Inspector General, having a look around and finding things to

Tech. Sergeant Fred C. Jacobs, our Sergeant Major, working late at his desk. Our new army where the non coms work-and late. . . .

Mr. Oscar Howard, the energetic shoe shine man at the P.X., celebrating his fifty-ninth birthday on Wednesday by working as usual. . . .

1st Sgt. Calvin D. Williams feeling a lot better now that he no longer has to share his telephone with the "Other Williams" - the Detachment Commander.

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein explaining the fine points of salesmanship in War Bonds to his new chief Lieut. Bernard D. Ozehoski.

ORDNANCE DEPT: Said the Yank as the Jap bit the dust: "Ain't it a garand and glorious feeling?"

post-graduate work at the University of Michigan Hospital and private duty until she joined the staff of the Eye, Nose and Throat Hospital in Portland, Ore. She was subsequently on the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland; the University of California Hospital here; and Hanhnemann's Hospital in San Francisco. On February 28, school in Kansas City, Mo. Con- 1943, Miss Marcotte joined the tinuing her trek eastward Miss Mar- Army Nurse Corps and became Seccotte went into training at Bryn ond Lieutenant Marcotte, her first Mawr Hospital in Bryn Mawr, Pa., assignment being Letterman Gen- husbandman?

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, March 14, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



LOUIS A. ARNONE Captain, Med. Adm. Corps Who left last week for his new station at Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Wash.

YANKWIZ

- 1. Is a river's right bank to the right of a person going up or down stream?
- 2. What is the difference between brunch and lunch?
- 3. Do snapping turtles have teeth?
- 4. What is the difference between expound and impound?
- 5. What is a cottontail?
- 6. Are WAVES allowed to wear
- 7. Does cutting the hair stimulate its growth?
- 8. Do most artists prefer a north, south, east or west light in their studios?
- 9. What does a bettor mean when he says five will get you ten?
- 10. What is the occupation of a

(Answers on page 8)

ON THE SPOT



BEUFORD E. FOLSOM Sergeant, Medical Corps

One of the older members of Letterman's enlisted personnel in point of service, a man who has served as ward master in the same ward where he now finds himself a patient, is Sergeant Beuford Ernesteen Folsom.

Sgt. Folsom is a California native, born in Whittier on June 15, 1914, he has lived in almost every part of the state since. Went to high school at Merced and Ontario before graduating from Fullerton high in

A brief stay at Fullerton Junior College, where he ran on the cross country track squad, was followed by his enrollment at a Los Angeles college of chiropractic where he won four degrees, D. C. (Doctor of Chiropractic), N. D. (Doctor of Naturapathy) Ph. C (Doctor of Philosophy in Chiropractic) and M. C. (Master of Chiropractic).

To those resounding titles he soon added that of Doctor of Physiotherapy and shortly thereafter entered the practice of Chiropractic in his own office in Los Angeles. He maintained the office for three years, specializing in the treatment of foot disorders.

In April, 1939, he went to Fort MacArthur, California, and enlisted in the U.S. Army, specifying the Medical Corps as his branch of service and Letterman Hospital as his choice of a station.

There is, Folsom says, hardly a ward in the main hospital in which he has not served. Other assignments here include work in the dental clinic and x-ray laboratory. Hospitalized since the first of the month for a hernia operation, the Sergeant hopes soon to return to duty. Dancing, he says, is about his only hobby, but he still fondly recalls his cross-country running in college and hopes to do more of it in some San Francisco athletic club.

The Inquiring Line—

Q. What is the derivation of or has been judicially decreed to the word "chevrons"-you know, be the father of such child; or those stripes that we non-coms has acknowledged under oath in wear?

A. It's an architectural term, and the stripe itself is a representation of the apex of a roof. In early days the wearer of a chevron was the head of a clan or "the top of his house.

Q. Is it okay for a serviceman to wear a full dress suit for his marriage, if he changes into uniform immediately after the ceremonni

A. Nope. During wartime a serviceman can't doff his uniform for any public occasion. It's on for the duration.

Q. How do I go about getting an allowance for my wife and child

official application form; fill it out and return it to him. Your C.O. will send the original copy of the application to the department concerned, where it is reviewed and investigated and either approved or disapproved. You will be notified promptly when your application has been received in Washington and again when it has been approved or disapproved.

Q. Can a serviceman list an Dependents Allowance Act?

judicially ordered or decreed to arranged in accordance with their contribute to such child's support; rank.

writing that he is the father of such child.

Q. What is the rank of a WAAC officer who wears two silver bars?

A. Her title is "First Officer":

corresponding to the rank of captain in the regular Army.

Q. What is longevity pay? A. It is an increase of 5% of base pay, given to a soldier for each three years of active service in the Armed Forces.

Q. Who may be designated by a serviceman as beneficiaries of his national service life insurance?

allowance for my wife and child and the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942?

A. Go to your C.O. and get an A. He may designate his wife, child, parent, brother or sister. The insured has the right to change his beneficiary, but only within the foregoing class.

Q. What is the highest medal

awarded by the Government?

A. The Congressional Medal of Honor. It is given to an officer or enlisted man "who in action in-volving actual conflict with an enemy distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and in-trepidity at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty." It is worn at the neck, the ribbon on the inside of the collar of the coat illegitimate child as a Class A de- and of sufficient length that the pendent under the Servicemen's medal hangs at the point of opening of the coat. All other decora-A. Yes, but only if he has been tions are worn on the left breast.





PRIVATE ROBERT T. HOLT

At the head of Page One in "The Newspaperman's Guide and Rule Book" is the following line of legislative advice: SHUN PUBLICITY. Every good newspaperman recognizes this statement as a rule never to be violated. And so, to further prove our ability to find the exception to every rule, we present as Buck of the Week - a newspaper man, yea, a bona-fide journalist. Private Robert T. Holt is his name.

Born in Ekalaka, Montana, on May 11, 1918, our buck spent only the first three years of his life in that town. He then traveled East to Norfolk, Nebraska, where he attended grade school, and back to Ekalaka again to finish high school. While in high school, Bob majored in academics with a view to attending college. Upon entering the University of Montana, our Buck set his course in the field of journalism and pursued this course with success. He graduated a full-fledged writer in 1939.

Our Buck received his first opportunity to express himself from the Butte Daily Post, where he was employed as a reporter, otherwise known as a leg-man. After a short month with this paper, he was transferred to the Anaconda Standard, a branch of the Butte publication. Bob worked hard at his new job and was well on the way to an envious reputation in his field when one day he received a piece of literature that made him sit up and take notice. Here was a bit of writing that moved him. It moved him right down to his draft board who lost no time in moving him to Ft. Douglas, Utah. A powerful bit of writing.

At present, Bob finds himself a member of the staff of the Foghorn, we might say a very welcome member. His knowledge and experience is entirely our gain.

BE A NAZI KILL-JOY



A welcome is extended Technician Fourth-grade Chan Yun who joined this Detachment during the week.

For the convenience of the government the following men were discharged from the service during the week: Privates First-Class Lester L. Mees, Lionel Laganiere, Eric A. Morris and M. Ableman and Privates Juan N. Cormat, Valentine T. Prieto and Lauriano N. Villoan.

Congratulations are in order for: Alfred N. Fontaine, appointed Technical Sergeant; Arne H. Lunden and George Apregan, appointed Technicians Fourth-grade; Arthur L. Forcade and Laurence J. Howard, appointed Technicians Fifth-grade; and George O. Bassman, Wayne C. Braden, Edward N. Daneri, John D. Hurst, Theodore B. Veldad, Herbert S. Ekstam, Alfred J. Lazzeri, Lonnie W. Fiser, Robert C. Martin, Charles Hanley, Simon Mudry, John C. Casey, Robert C. Moore, Stewart G. Simmons, Wm. M. Truesdale, Frederick D. Vanselns, appointed Privates First-Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

W. O. Lyne J. O'Connell-M/Sgt. when he was stationed at Letterman-back for a course of instruction.

Sgt. Joseph E. Mayer peg-legging it with S/Sgt. Gabriel Hendricks. Business must be booming in the cast room.

One of the 1st/Sgts. of the Post spending two hours manicuring the nails of his private secretary-who could that be?

S/Sgt. James F. Blackburn off for a rest-cure. Let's hurry back, Blackburn.

Assorted Pfcs. and Pvts. in a grand treasure hunt for foot lockers strangely absent from their proper places following the recent Indianapolis trip.

Interesting to see Pvt. Robert Woods sporting a so-called blonde mustache and a G. I. haircut.

That look on the face of Pvt. Steve Yee when he found out, while sleepily trying to open his wall locker, that the three o'clock in the morning call for emergency duty, supposedly from the first sergeant, was strictly a phoney.

COLONEL ROSS PAULL TAKES OVER AS THE CHIEF OF MEDICAL SERVICE



ROSS PAULL Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps Chief of the Medical Service

The designation of Lieutenant Colonel Ross Paull as Chief of the Medical Service to succeed Colonel C. K. Berle will meet with what amounts to universal approval among his confreres and deep satisfaction among the patients who have been the beneficiaries of his skill and knowledge during his tenure of office as Ward Officer on Ward A-1 and Chief of Officer patient section.

If there is any department of the hospital where tact and statesmanship are required, it is the medical service. Over on the surgical side a temperament patient either has a broken bone or he hasn't. But not so simple in Col. Paull's realm when the proponent of a pain in the belly is the patient and there is nothing to confirm or refute the condition. That is where diplomacy has its value-and high.

Colonel Paull is a native of Ridgeway, Wisconsin. He graduated from local high schools in Ridgeway, and up the colonel's family.

his college work was done at the Wisconsin University. He received his A. B. from that institution, and his M. A. in 1925. He then attended Harvard, and obtained his degree in medicine from that university in 1927. He then came to San Diego County General Hospital where he held a rotating interneship. He did both a medical and a surgical residency at the same institution. Upon the completion of this work he was elevated to the rank of Assistant Superintendent of the San Diego County General Hospital. He then entered the Scripps Metabolic Clinic in La Jolla, where he spent a year in special research. He entered general practice of medicine at La Jolla, where he remained until February 17, 1941, when he entered the United States Army at Letterman General Hospital.

Mrs. Paull is the former Jane Gibbs of Boston, Mass., and with Jane Hancock and Barry Ross make Probst, a son, Thomas Forest Probst,

SPECIAL

Word has been received from former T/4th Gr. Ewell E. Bessent who just recently completed an intensive course in the Army Administration School at Fargo, N. D., that he received the coveted gold bars two weeks ago. After enjoying a much needed rest for ten days at home, he left for Princeton University to continue his work. We all were positive Bessent could make the grade easily and wish him every success.

MUCH excitement in the Medical School the past few days with the announcement that S/Sgt. James E. Winkleman is soon to leave for Officers Candidate School "deep in the heart of Texas." After working with "Wink" we feel that he too will make the grade, and we send him on his way wishing him the best of luck in his new assignment.

EXTRA CURRICULAR NOTE ... With the innovation of early morning-or should we say, before dawn -rising and the 6:00 to 7:00 p. m. work squad for the men who hate to be in their bunks before bed check, we note that the number of offenders of that common practice has been greatly reduced.

HUMAN NOTE . . . Even though it's a time of war and persons and personalities seem not to count anymore, it's interesting to note that the students of the Medical School have not become too calloused to respect the feeling on one of their fellow students when his mother died-all contributed toward flowers to be sent expressing their senti-

Camp Kearns invades the School again this week with a contingent of men to commence their studies in the various schools along with groups of men from other outfits. The Detachment welcomes these prospective students and wishes them the best of luck in the opportunities afforded them.

The Stork Was Here

To Private and Mrs. Walter Kvokosky, a son, Michael, Robert Kvokosky, born March 3, weight seven pounds, 12 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. John' R. born March 6, weight seven pounds.

O. M. NEWS

As a result of three years of efficent service in the Quartermaster Commissary, an appointment to Officers' Candidate School at Camp Lee, Va., was awarded this week to Sgt. Dwight I. Darland.

Sgt. Darland said "goodbye" to his many friends on February 20, and began his journey toward his aspiring desire to become a commissioned officer. Camp Lee, Va., provides a three months' training period for appointees, and upon graduation they are commissioned 2nd Lieutenants

Letterman commissary personnel will miss the pleasing personality of Sgt. Darland, but all are together in wishing him all success.

The Engineer Corps can stick out its chest and be proud of its former Sgt. Torcum Bedayan, that hardworking Armenian, who recently graduated from Officers Candidate School and returned to visit old pals and display his new uniform and

Sgt. Arthur Borselli, who left last December for Camp Lee, is expected to graduate with honors any day now, thereby adding another to the long list of Letterman Quartermaster men who have achieved the distinction of becoming officers.

TAKE NOTE, 'FRISCO

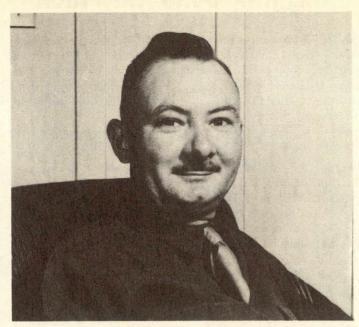
The New York City Council voted to permit all service men to ride free on the city-owned transit lines. Chicago has the same deal.

MORE ABOUT LT. VELEY

(Continued from page one)

was fortunate enough to escape and was assigned to Walter Reed General Hospital for duty upon her arrival in the United States. She arrived at Walter Reed General Hospital early in July, 1942, and was promoted to the rank of Chief Nurse in the same month. Shortly thereafter Miss Veley was ordered to report to Letterman Hospital for duty and has been here since that time. Miss Veley states that after the war she hopes to continue with her one ambition of obtaining her degree at San Francisco College for Women and ultimate goal of Public Health Nursing Administrator in tuberculosis.

STAFF SGT. McCOMB STILL SMILING AFTER SIX YEARS OF SERVICE AT LGH



HAROLD M. McCOMB Staff Sergeant, Med. Dept.

"Of course, I could have worked in the administrative division here, but I always had the idea that a hospital was to take care of sick people, so I chose the wards instead," the above comes straight from the lips of Staff Sergeant Harold M. "Mac' McComb, chief noncommissioned officer of the GU (Geneto-urinary) clinic.

Sgt. McComb, "Mac" to his appreciative fellow-workers, has been at Letterman since 1937, but his military career reaches back six years further.

Perhaps, however, it would be better to begin at the beginning. He was born, he says, April 19, 1907 at Fort Scott, Kansas, and went to school there, grade school, high school and a year and a half to a junior college where he specialized in Vocational Agriculture and Social Science.

At this point, Sgt. McComb's locale shifted to Kansas City, Mo., where he spent a year working in a butcher shop. What made a military career appear more appealing than one spent at hacking beef, Sgt. McComb does not say, but at any rate, he enlisted in 1929 in the Army of the United States.

Our friend's next six years were spent as a member of the 3rd In- says the Sarge, "mine are hunting fantry at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. and fishing, but I never get a chance At the conclusion of his enlistment, to do that any more."

our friend decided that the Medical branch had more to offer than the Infantry.

Ever a man of action, the Sarge bade goodbye to Minnesota, hopped into his car and headed for San Francisco. Upon arrival he came to this hospital, enlisted, and has remained here ever since.

After a year spent working in wards, Sgt. McComb was assigned to the G.U. clinic where he has remained since, rising through the grades of private first class, corporal and sergeant to become staff sergeant in June, 1941, a year also made memorable by his marriage during the month of July.

"There aren't any more patients at Letterman now," he says, "than there were before the war began. The only change is in the turnover. we have to move 'em out faster now to make room for new ones."

The past four years have seen a notable advance in the treatment of venereal disease, the sergeant reports, notable among which are the use of the sulfa drugs and the employment of fever therapy. Treatment by the latter method makes use of an artificially induced fever to raise the patient's temperature and destroy the germs.

"Don't ask me about hobbies,"

We wish to express our appreciation for this opportunity to acquaint ourselves with the Fog Horn public. The 717th portion of the vast Presidio wishes to be heard. Attention!!! We feel very proud to print that our new company commander, Lieutenant Morris Henderson and his aide, Lieutenant Samuel G. Chadman, are making rapid strides in forming a nucleus that will eventually be a pride to Letterman.

A red letter day was March 7 when Platoon Sergeant John H. Smith became first sergeant. A man with 24 years of service in the Army, a popular man, a soldier's soldier, and a past master at the art of handling men. He has the best wishes and will get the complete cooperation from the organization.

The grouped detail workers and special students are fast learning the meaning of army team work. Consequently, the "esprit de corps" among the men is at a high level.

The basketball team, a group of new soldiers, has yet to taste defeat in one of the toughest leagues. Excelsior is the cry of the 717th Basketball Team, as it continues its dynamic blitzkreig over all opponents in the Buchanan Street USO Basketball tournament. Friday night was no exception as the final whistle sounded the score of 31-21 over the 23rd Quartermaster. This puts the 717th "Loopsters" in the favorite spot for the final game which is being held on March 26 at the Buchanan Street USO.

Corporal Charles A. Cook, the captain, is confident of victory with team-work from Pfc. Theodore D. Bartlett and Privates George Redix, Curtis D. Howard, Ambrose Jackson, Walter McCullough, Fred O. White, Oswald G. Talbert, and Emmitt L. Jones, his teammates.



Paul H. Struthers

Letterman Trips Top **Team Twice to Win**

The Letterman Bowling team won a very close two-out-of-three game series last Friday night at the Broadway Van Ness lanes in the 875 House League when they engaged the only team in the league without a sponsor, called Team No. 8.

This team, which was first organized by Master Sergeant Van Ness of the Presidio, has seen two complete changes in the membership of its team up to last week. As the team stands today, it has beaten almost every other team that it has played and the Medics had a tough assignment, but came out the win-

Cpl. Frank Marano was high bowler for the evening with a total of 549 for three games with a high game of 201. Sgt. Kuntz was second high with a total pinnage of 544 for three games, his high game being

This team bowling on Friday nights is entirely separate from the 915 Traveling league, which bowls on Tuesday nights. The 875 House league, in which the Medic's team plays, is much closer to the top than the 915 league.

With only six more games to play, the Medics can place third in the final standings, out of the ten teams which are competing. Currently, they are seven games out of first place.

Sergeant Caesar Michelotti turned out as the winner of the war bond at the Marina Bowl. The drawing was held on Sunday night.

Following is the result of Friday night's play.

LETTEDMAN HOCKE

LETTERMAN I	HOSP	ITAL		
Kuntz	. 171	207	166	544
Yohe	. 191	161	175	527
Marano		177	171	549
Wilcox	. 157	179	193	529
Mottier		146	157	463
Total	. 900	870	862	2632
TEAM NO. 8				
Perrson	. 198	149	181	528
Westphal	. 163	129	188	480
Pribula	. 148	140	125	413
Evans	. 215	214	189	618
Laub	. 202	169	174	545
Total	. 926	804	857	2584
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ELUSIVE MOLARS

Several hundred Camp Edwards, Mass., dogfaces were lined up for chow. Suddenly Pvt. Tom Miller broke ranks and dashed for his bar- hospital's building No. 3 and the racks. He forgot his false teeth.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

A great deal of credit is due the men of Med. Sec. S.C.U. No. 1972 for their efforts in the War Bond Campaign. They have boosted their percentage of participation from 34 per cent to 48 per cent in a very short period of time and show every indication of further progress. Many men, while in the process of filling out the new applications, have taken advantage of this opportunity to increase their War Bond investment. The following members of this organization have invested at least 10 per cent of their pay in bonds:

M/Sgt. Charles W. Pike 1st/Sgt. Calvin D. Williams

S/Sqt. William H. Day

Sgt. George R. Dahl Sgt. Ralph M. Mason

Sgt. John V. Ryan Sgt. Joseph J. Slusarki

Sgt. Percy E. Warren

T/4 Stephen Bruzzone

T/4 Alfred Klein

T/4 Kenneth R. Terry

T/4 Charles R. Weisburg

T/4 William A. Young

Corp. Lou D. Slott

T/5 Worthington T. Garner

Pfc. James E. Lewis

Pfc. John E. Mattison

Pvt. Julius Cippa

Pvt. Raymond Galvan

Pvt. Peter Lee

Pvt. Joe B. Ridella

Pvt. Theodore B. Veldad

MORE ABOUT PERCY JONES

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in the basement. On the first floor is the main lobby of the hospital, the reception and admission sections, pharmacy and post exchange, office of the Officer of the Day, the Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat clinic, the x-ray and fever therapy section.

"From the second to the fifth floors, non - weight - bearing walls were removed to form long wards. Each floor is divided into two wards of about 64 beds each.

"The top floor of the building has been divided into operating rooms, the central sterile supply section, orthopedic and genito-urinary clinic and a dental clinic and laboratory.

"Hospital building 2-A, formerly the men's bath house, now has on orthopedic shop and a civilian's locker room in the basement; a physiotherapy section on the first floor; an 80-bed ward on the second floor, and a convalescent or isolation ward on the third floor.

"Building 2-B remains a gymnasium and recreation room. Building 2-C, the old women's bath, has a medical supply issue room in the basement; a locked section for neuro-psychiatric patients on the second floor, and wards similar to 2-A's on other floors.

"The Sanitarium's East Hall is the laboratory in its basement has been | tachment.



Donald F. Bozarth Ernest A. Pizza

ANSWERS TO YANKWIZ

1. Down.

2. Brunch is a meal serving both lunch and breakfast. Lunch is the second meal of the day.

3. No. Turtles have no teeth but their horny jaws are powerful cutting instruments.

4. Expound—to interpret, expose. Impound—to shut up, place in custody of law, to take possession of.

5. A rabbit.

6. Yes, a reasonable amount.

7. No.

8. North.

8. He will give you odds of two to

10. Farmer.

Seven tons of copper are fired in a single minute of combat by squad of 50 fighter planes.

remodeled into shower rooms, day rooms and other facilities for enlisted men. The remainder of the building is now used to house members of the hospital's medical de-

Y. M. C. A.



Presidio of San Francisco

SATURDAY, MARCH 13:

10:15 p. m. Swim for boys on the Post.

8:00 p. m. DANCE to the music of the HARBOR DEFENSE ORCHESTRA.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14:

6:00 p. m. Feature Movie, "ALIAS THE DEACON." with Bob Burns and Mischa Auer.

7:40 p. m. Vesper Services.

8:30 p. m. Lobby Musical Program, including Solovox numbers by Harold Junso. POPULAR SING, with Ed Rickman and Vera Frazier.

15-Year-Old Sergeant Discharged

Milwaukee, Wis. (CNS)-Many a private likes to dream of getting out because he's over age, but a sergeant has been kicked out of this man's Army because he was under age-just 15 years

Johnny Maras is back home here all safe and sound after he got into the Army by fibbing a bit and then showed he was a good enough soldier to get three stripes the hard way.

Johnny was having the time of his young life at an embarkation post when his colonel found out how old he was. A little bird told him. (Maybe it was the stork which brung Johnny back on June 20, 1927.) The "old man" sauntered up

one day when Johnny was await-in' shipment and said, "I've found out how old you are. You're only

"Oh no, sir," said Johnny, "I'm

Old "Buzzard Shoulders" chuck-led. "I checked up at city hall," he said.

So Johnny confessed.

The colonel continued, "You know Johnny, you're the first 15year-old sergeant I've found in this Army."

Regulations are all-powerful and there was nothing the old boy could do except boot the infant sergeant out.

PASS THE DIAPERS

For the first time since the Civil War, 17-year-olds are eligible to join the United States Army.

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Miss Mitchell Pins On The Gold Bars of 2nd Lieutenant

Miss Eleanor L. Mitchell, for three years head dietician of Letterman Hospital, was appointed to the relative rank of Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army on Tuesday of this week.

Capping a career of service in Army dietetics that dates from 1927, Miss Mitchell's appointment is the first at Letterman Hospital under a newly-enacted regulation which permits dieticians to attain a commissioned rank.

Miss Mitchell's higher education was gained at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where she spent three years, and at Battle Creek, Michigan, College where she graduated with an A. B. degree in dietetics.

In 1927 she began an 18-month student training period at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. and was sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, upon graduation. There she remained two years.

Her next assignment was at Sternberg General Hospital, Manila, where she was stationed for two more years. Fort Jay preceded her arrival at Letterman in 1938 where she assumed the post of head dietician.

Last October Miss Mitchell attained the honor of an appointment as one of the four principal dieticians of the U. S. Army, positions second only in importance to the chief dietician of the Army.

All members of the command at Letterman unite in offering their congratulations to Miss Mitchell on her shiny new bars, and their best wishes go for her continued success in the future.



2nd LIEUT. ELEANOR MITCHELL Principal Dietitian, Letterman General Hospital

JANE RUSSELL—'THE OUTLAW'—TO VISIT LETTERMAN ON MONDAY

Through the courtesy of Mr. Edwin Ettinger, representing Howard Hughes, the patients of Letterman will have the company of Jane Russell, Jack Buetel, and Frank McHugh on a visit to the wards on Monday morning. All three are making personal appearances in connection with the showing of the moving picture "The Outlaw" now playing at the Tivoli Theatre in San Francisco. It is expected that Miss Russell and her companions will arrive here about eleven o'clock. The "welcome" sign is out for the visitors.

Red Cross Social Service Staff Gets Two New Associates

Newest additions to the Letterman Red Cross office staff of social workers are Mrs. Lois Chalfont and Mrs. Mildred Kendall.

An Iowan by birth Mrs. Chalfont is a sociology graduate of the University of Iowa. She spent ten years as a social worker in Los Angeles and three more with the W.P.A. in Fresno, California. In 1941 she went to the University of Chicago and completed work for her Masters degree, doin ginterne work at the psychiatric clinic of Michael Reese Hospital.

Mrs. Kendall is a California native. She was born in Fullerton, but attended grammar school and high school in near-by Corona.

Planning a medical career, she entered the University of California to take pre-medics, but ultimately switched to political science in which she received the A.B. degree.

Two years of graduate study in public administration at the Berkeley institution were followed by another two-year course in the fields of social work and medical social work.

Two years ago she joined the staff of the Childrens Hospital of San Francisco and worked later at the Oakland Clinic.

On February 8, 1943, both ladies were sent to Washington, D. C. to take a month's training in Red Cross work for which they had volunteered, and were assigned here at the conclusion of the course.

Brigadier General and Mrs. Frank W. Weed became the grandparents of Natalie Patricia Aloe, Wednesday, March 17, 1943, when Lt. Col. and Mrs. Robert S. Aloe were presented with a daughter at Leavenworth, Kansas.

THREE HOLLYWOOD STARS BRIGHTEN AN HOUR FOR PATIENTS

When His Honor, the Mayor of San Francisco, tucked a carnation into the buttonhole of his lapel and sallied South to induce the movie moguls of Hollywood to give San Francisco the world premiere showing of the new film, "Hello San Francisco, Hello", he unknowingly made it possible for the patients of this hospital to experience one of the greatest collective thrills of pleasure the institution has known in recent years.

When the show opened in San Francisco on Thursday evening last, three of the stars who appeared in the picture came to the city by the Golden Gate to make a personal appearance. They were Linda Darnell. Lynn Bari, and Gale Robbins. The following day, through the thoughtfulness of Major Harry Martin, the same trio of personable young ladies were visitors to Letterman and, as was to be expected, all routine duties were suspended. Everyone tried to get a look at the ladies whose names are known wherever American films are shown.

On arrival at the hospital the visitors paid their respects to General Weed in his office and were then conducted to a spot in the patio where a couple of patients who were wounded at Guadalcanal were assembled. Individual introductions were made, greetings exchanged, and the cameraman clicked his shutter for the first picture of the day. The young ladies were next conducted to the surgical ward where other wounded veterans of the Solomon Islands were confined by reason of their disabilities. Here again the cameraman was in evidence and as a result Private Jack Quedens was able to present proof to his wife that, although Lynn Bari and Gale Robbins were standing at his bedside, his first thought was for her photograph. Sergeant Rott in the adjoining bed has a picture to prove that Gale Robbins once lighted a cigarette for him as Lynn Bari looked on and gave apparent approval to her technique.

While this was going on, Linda Darnell walked around the ward speaking to the individual patients and it was she who made the remark: "we came out here to give a boost to the morale of these wounded men but, instead, they boosted our morale and made me realize how



PFC. JOSEPH H. TOPPING
Honored by a trip of distinguished visitors. L to R—Lynn
Bari, Gail Robbins, and Linda Darnell, while Mrs. Topping,
mother of Joe, looks on.



PVT. JACK E. QUEDENS

Proudly displays a photo of Mrs. Quedens to an admiring audience of two—Gail Robbins and Lynn Bari.



Linda Darnell makes up while Staff Sgt. Walter Motyl shoots up with his candid camera for an action shot.

little any of us are doing, after all, for our country when compared with the sacrifice these young men have made". One of the incidents of the visit was the casual introduction of Sergeant Caesar Michelotti to Miss Darnell. The lady bowed and said very sweetly "How do you do, Sergeant". Then it was explained to Miss Darnell that Sgt. Michelotti was the post butcher and the star positively beamed and said again, "you are a good man to know. I am so happy to have met you.' Who will blame Sgt. Michelotti for blushing under such a compliment?

The next stop of the visitors was made on the lawn where Private Joseph H. Topping of Jewett, Connecticut, was enjoying the sun. Joe was very seriously wounded at Guadalcanal but is making a gallant fight toward recovery. It was his big moment to look up and see his wheel-litter flanked by three such lovely young people as Gale, Lynn, and Linda. The mother of Joe stood by, evidently pleased by the enjoyment the visit afforded her son. Joe, too, has a photograph to keep the memory alive in years to come.

On the way over to the medical side, the officer who was leading the way detoured momentarily with Miss Robbins for a quick look at the kitchen where Sergeant Gonzales was cooking hamburgers for the evening meal. The savory odor grew very tempting to Miss Robbins and in the twinkling of an eye she was partaking of a hamburger sandwich. Miss Darnell also expressed the wish for a hamburger and Private Mike Farino sprang forward to accommodate her.

At the successive stops Miss Darnell would ask if there were any sons of Texas present and Miss Robbins would call for natives of Chicago. Miss Bari held out for Virginians. Linda and Gale met fellow citizens but it was not until the party reached Ward N-2 that Miss Bari, who hails from Roanoke, finally met up with a man from her native state who claimed Richmond as his home. He was Private Gillis and he added his name to the photograph collectors. If anyone ever should doubt that Gillis was at one time in conversation with Virginia's favorite daughter, Lynn Bari, all he has to do is open his trunk locker

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PFC HOWARD E. KING

Entirely surrounded as he tells about that by, T/5 Walter Dunn, Pvt. Robert J. Price, December 7th morning at Hickam Field. L Linda Darnell, Gail Robbins, and Lynn Bari. to R—St. Sqt. Ray Dowling, Pvt. Vestal Ash-

3 HOLLYWOOD STARS

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which presents documentary proof.
The cutstanding characteristic of

The outstanding characteristic of these very gracious young ladies was their unhurried demeanor and willingness to talk with anyone—everyone—who wore the uniform of a patient in this hospital. It was Miss Darnell who said she would like to come back again sometime, uncrowded by other appointments on her schedule, and just feel free to sit down at the bedside of one of our wounded men for a little game of gin rummy.

During the tour of the hospital, our visitors were in charge of Mr. William Winter, who represented the Fox-Twentieth Century Studios who, in turn, permitted our young visitors to make the very delightful afternoon for our patients.

It was a red-letter day for Letterman and it is hoped too much time will not elapse before they all come back again. FLASH!!! As we go to press we learn from Louella Parsons' column in the "Examiner" that Linda Darnell is down with the measles and we are all so sorry and hope it is only the "three day" kind

SAN FRANCISCO— THE CITY THAT KNOWS HOW

An officer of our acquaintance told us the following story of his efforts to establish contact with a minor official in the municipal service.

Knowing that the offices were due to open for business at nine o'clock he gave the civil servant five minutes grace before calling on the phone. Here is his time table:

9:05 a. m.

"Mr. Doakes, please?" A female voice answering: "Mr. Doakes has not yet come in. We expect him shortly."

9:30 a. m.

"Mr. Doakes, please?" A female voice answering: "Mr. Doakes has to make a special inspection this morning. He should be in about 10:30." 10:45 a. m.

"Mr. Doakes, please?" A female voice answering: "Mr. Doakes is not expected in today although he might drop in at noon for a few minutes if you would care to call then."

12:05 p. m.

"Mr. Doakes, please?" A female us and gets one just as far.

voice answering: "Mr. Doakes will not be in until about two o'clock." 2.05 p. m.

"Mr. Doakes, please?" A female voice answering: "We expect Mr. Doakes around three."

3:00 p. m.

"Mr. Doakes, please?" Female answering: "Mr. Doakes is attending a meeting. It may last an hour."
4:00 p. m.

"Mr. Doakes, please?" Male voice answering: "He is around the building somewhere. Do you care to leave your number? I will have him call you."

5:00 p. m.

"Mr. Doakes, please?" The operator answering: "His office is closed for the day."

9:05 a. m.

The next morning: "Mr. Doakes, please?" Male voice answering: "Mr. Doakes has a cold and may not be in until noon."

The old army answer "He just stepped out" seems a lot better to us and gets one just as far.

WEDDING BELLS

The marriage of Captain Leslie Riechel, a native of the state of Minnesota, and Miss Helen Louise Updegraff, a former resident of Missouri, took place in the chapel of the Presidio of San Francisco on Sunday evening last, at 8 p. m.

The ceremony was performed in the chancel of the church, immediately following the playing of organ numbers by the organist, Miss Orrie Young.

Chaplain L. Lane McCammon was the officiant at the wedding with Captain Wilmer H. Starr of Letterman Hospital serving as best man to Captain Riechel. Miss Martha Jean Love was the bridesmaid accompanying Miss Updegraff.

The wedding party, including the guests, returned from the church to the home of the bride's parents at 1750 Vallejo Street where a reception was held and gifts displayed in view amidst floral attractions of the house.

In the receiving line were Miss Updegraff's parents and the wedding party.

Captain Riechel has been on the staff of Letterman Hospital for the past two years and Miss Updegraff has been employed as a dietician at the hospital.

The many friends of the couple unite in extending congratulations for an ever increasing life of happiness.

This afternoon at 4:00, Captain Robley N. Ellis, M. C., and Lieutenant Edna E. Gardner, A.N.C., will be married at the home of Doctor Paul Glide in San Francisco.

This afternoon at 4:00 Captain Robley N. Ellis, M. C. and Lieutenant Edna E. Gardner, A.N.C. will unite in marriage at the home of Doctor Paul Gliebe in San Francisco. The ceremony will be performed by the Reverend Thomas H. Simpson. Attending the couple will be Lieutenant Marian D. Elliott, A.N.C., as bridesmaid for Miss Gardner, and Lieutenant Bronson B. Gilloghy, U.S.N., as best man for the groom. The couple will have a brief honeymoon before the Captain returns to duty.

First Lieutenant Harold L. Monsey, D. C. and Miss Marion Selig will be married this morning at 11:00 at the Post Presidio Chapel, the ceremony to be performed by Chaplain Alwyn E. Butcher. Miss Selig is the daughter of Mrs. Sylvan Selig of San Francisco.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

Everyone knows that "an army travels on its belly," but, common sense tells us that the yardstick for the fighting power and character of the army is in good part—the kind of morale it maintains among its men.

We hear a lot of talk about morale building for army personnel. The idea here is to try and erase any faint footprints that we might come across, and to consider concrete and specific ways of building upwards.

None of us came into the army looking for any Sunday school picnics. Rather we came into the service ready to put everything we had into the struggle. Each man carries his individual self-confident feeling, "that I can take it on the chin as well as the next guy. That is the rare and aggressive quality of the American soldier that makes him an outstanding citizen of the world. Every soldier seeks the opportunity to make his individual contribution to the war-to show the kind of stuff he has on the ball. We have six million talents in the army and picking the guys for stripes is a tough job. Obviously all of us can't have them, so the rest of us are aiming up, and looking for ways and means to put our abilities to work. Army life gets a little tough sometimes, but one thing that goes a long way to help out is that personal satisfaction of being able to do constructive work; and that good feeling that comes when your particular effort is recognized.



We welcome the following members of the Army Nurse Corps to Letterman Hospital whither the winds of fate (or, perhaps, orders from the War Department) have blown them:

Here by transfer from Tripler General Hospital at Honolulu is Second Lieutenant Hazel F. Benner. She claims Lewistown, Pennsylvania as her hometown. She left Lewistown to go into training at the Memorial Hospital in Roxboro, Pa., and after completion of her training remained there as head nurse until she went to St. Lukes Hospital in Bethlehem, Pa. After two years at St. Lukes, Lieut, Benner left to join the Army Nurse Corps at Camp Livingston, Louisiana on June 16, 1941. In January of 1942 she received orders to proceed to Tripler General Hospital at Honolulu, T. H. She was on various medical wards and assisted in the installation of medical units. In February of this year Lieut. Benner left Tripler Hospital to come to Letterman-her new assignment.

Two misses who will make a hit! Second Lieutenants Ann J. Fuhrken and Katherine R. Greer, who came here from Fort Ord.

Lieut. Fuhrken was born in Reno, Nevada, and came to San Francisco where she graduated from Mission High in 1935. After attending San Francisco J. C., she went into training at St. Mary's Hospital. After graduating she remained at St. Mary's and did general and private duty until March 3, 1942 when she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps and was assigned to Fort Ord.

Lieut. Greer was born in Denver, Colorado and attended school at the Holy Names Convent in Oakland, California. She then went to Oregon for two years, returning to the Highland School of Nursing in Oakland where she graduated in August of 1941. She then did general duty at the Children's Hospital in Oakland until March 3, 1942 when she joined the Army Nurse Corps and left for Fort Ord.

Letterman Hospital is her first assignment—Second Lieut. Eva Poots is the addition to our nursing staff.



Staff Sgt. Herbert Goldstein early on the 17th of March calling on Miss Anne Leahy to wish her "the top o' the mornin'" in brogue.

Captain Arthur L. Burks and George V. Potter passing out the PPC calls prior to leaving for Carlisle.

1st Lieut. Ida E. Peschon, Chief Nurse at Fort Wright, dropping in for a chat with old cronies here. The lieut. is Mrs. Lloyd Creekmore in private life.

A letter from 1st Lieut. Emma E. Rose, formerly of here, more recently of Victorville, and now of Barnes General Hospital at Vancouver, Wash. And nary a word about her recent marriage.

Staff Sgt. Merle C. West accepting congratulations on his promotion to that grade. It is possible that he talked himself into it.

A locked door at the right place which may account for the increased receipts at the cash register in the P. X. Grill.

Sgt. Leland Alderson wielding three phones at the same time. He may have taken lessons from W. C. Fields, who was a good juggler one time.

Mrs. Helen Dietz of the Record Room welcoming St. Patrick's Day in green—head to foot.

Lieut. Poots was born in Jasper City, Iowa, and attended school there and in Grinnell, Iowa. When she finished her schooling she taught school for four years and then went to Spokane, Washington, where she went into nurses training at the Deaconess Hospital. After completing her training she did general duty there until March 8, 1943 when she went to Fort George Wright in Spokane and took her oath as a member of the Army Nurse Corps. Lieut. Poots then proceeded South to San Francisco where we find her getting acquainted with Letterman.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, March 21, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.
Mass daily except Sunday, 4:30

Confessions before all Masses. Benedction — Wednesday—after Iass.

Stations-Friday, 4:10 p. m.

OBITUARY

JULIAN R. BERNHEIM

Colonel Julien Rex Bernheim, Dental Corps, United States Army, died at Letterman Hospital on March 16, 1943, after a brief illness. He would have been retired for age at the end of this month.

Colonel Bernheim was well known in the Bay Area in professional and military circles and was stationed at Fort Mason at the time of his death. He had previously served tours at Letterman and the Presidio of San Francisco.

Funeral services were held this morning from the Post Chapel, Presidio of San Francisco, and interment followed in the National Cemetery nearby.

Colonel Bernheim is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ann E. Bernheim; his son, Major Julien R. Bernheim, Jr.; and a daughter, Mrs. Edmund Lasher, of Washington, D. C.

A Horse to Conquer Makes Private Happy

Baton Rouge, La. (CNS)—Pvt. Johnny Davis is from the "wide open spaces of Idaho." He said he was lonely for a spirited horse to set spur to.

The USO heard about it, supplied a blue roan, never ridden.

Twice Pvt. Davis mounted. Twice he was thrown. Then Pvt. Davis, whose nickname is "Red," saddled and rode until he and the horse were lathered.

"Had enough?" asked the roan's

"Yeh," replied Pvt. Davis, "at least for today.

ON THE SPOT



SGT. MICHAEL FLORIO

When they pass out the medals for durability there is a Sergeant down in Ward B-2 who has about as good a claim to one as anyone we know

His name is Michael Florio of Hatfield, Massachusetts, who lost his right leg on Guadalcanal after he had been (1) struck in the knee by a rifle bullet, (2) in the thigh by fragments of a hand grenade, and (3) in the ankle by a 90 M.M. mor-

It all happened on the afternoon of November 20, 1942, in the thick of the heaviest jungle fighting against the Japs on "the Canal."

Rescued from the deadly Jap mortar fire by his own brother, Vito, a private in the same outfit, he was carried on a stretcher improvised from a shelter half to a point of safety behind the lines.

From there he was flown to a base hospital in the New Hebrides where he spent three months, and subsequently brought to Letterman, via New Zealand, arriving on February 26.

Florio is a native of Woburn, Massachusetts, where he went through grade and high school, and where he worked as a farm laborer afterward. Married in 1940, he now claims Hatfield, Mass., as his resi-

As a member of the Massachusetts National Guard, he was called to active duty on January 16, 1941, and was sent to Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, and stayed there for one year, until January 23, 1942, when his organization embarked for the Pacific battle zone.

A brief stay in Australia, preceded their arrival in New Caladonia where they remained nine months.

November 11, 1942, they went up to Guadalcanal. "It was Armistice Day," Florio says, "but it didn't look much like it there."

The Inquiring Line—

my family get a bonus?

A. No. Bonuses for overseas men are provided for members of the armed forces, but not for their dependents. Officers receive 10% increase in their base pay, enlisted men 20%. You may, of course, ance Act?

A. Yes. Class B dependents (par-

Q. What's the idea behind replacing brass buttons and insig-dependent upon the serviceman nias on our overcoats and blouses for a substantial portion of their with plastic ones?

A. The change will make more metal available for war produc-tion. It is expected to result in a saving of 365,000 pounds of metal in 1943. The new plastic buttons are exact reproductions, are nontarnishable and will not reflect light. As an additional step in metal conservation, manufacture of distinctive insignia for regiments, separate battalions, etc., will be discontinued.

Q. My brother was discharged from the Army three years ago because of a physical disability. Is he subject to the draft?

peace time can be drafted. Physical standards have been greatly fish with an electr lowered, and it is possible that numbs its victims.

Q. If I'm shipped overseas does your brother would now be acceptable.

> Q. Is it necessary for class B dependents to be dependent on a serviceman before an allowance can be made to them under the Servicemen's Dependents Allow-

> ents, brother, sister and grandchild) must show that they are support. Proof must also be submitted of their relationship to him.

Q. I want to request deferment from paying my taxes until the end of the war. Do I have to fill out any special form?

A. The Government has prepared a special form for that purpose; you can get it by writing your home office of the Collector of Internal Revenue. By using that form you will be certain of giving the Government all the information it needs concerning your inability to pay your taxes because of military service.

he subject to the draft? Q. Where'd they get the name A. Yes. Men discharged during "torpedo" anyway?

A. Torpedo was named after a

fish with an electric shock which



BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. Robert E. Record

When Gray wrote about "the short and simple annals of the poor," he might very well have been thinking of Pvt. Robert E. Record of the Receiving Office, because Bob admits that he's always broke and that his life history doesn't require a volume to relate, not even, he says, a thin volume.

Our Buck was born December 28, 1916, in America's divorce capital, Reno, Nevada, and his activities have centered about that city practically ever since.

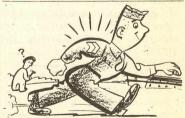
Bob attended the grade school and high school of his home town and staved right there for four years as a student in the School of Agriculture of the University of Nevada, graduating in 1938.

After a year of doing practically nothing, he went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1940, transferring to a post as clerk for the Flanagan Warehouse company of Reno in 1941, a job he retained until called into military service.

The call, in the form of a draft board notice, proved too powerful to resist, and he arrived at the Reception Center at Fort Douglas, Utah, on September 4, 1942.

Bob thinks the military authorities had the right idea in assigning him to duty at a hospital, for the first 28 days he spent at Letterman was as patient in one of the wards.

When they finally stop the shoot ing, he's heading back to Nevada to assume his old job and also, he says, to get married.



Alfred W. Powell, Jr. Charles P. Smith.

Discharged for the convenience of the government, the following men left the detachment during the week: L. B. Clark, S. W. Helmer, Bagavas Valeriano, Patric L. Gearhart, Placido M. Paraiso, Frederick A. Hill and Samuel G. Chandler.

A welcome is extended the following men who joined the detachment during the week: Privates Rex J. Barker, John D. Bradshaw, Joe Carlotti, Joe P. Franceshi, Bryan E. Kitchen, Theadore Samore, Ernest L. Christopherson, Warren B. Goreman, John H. O'Massey, Maurice E. Smith, Burlan T. Clinkenbeard, Clemmens W. Johnson, Rudolph J. Reza: Technicians Fifth - Grade Thomas C. Joslyn, Edward M. Bathurst, Dwight A. Henry, William Wion, Jr., Isadore Lerner.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Raymond P. Anweiler, appointed Sergeant; Earl B. Hiett, appointed Technician fifthgrade; Erick N. Peterson, appointed Private first-class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein breaking in a new secretary with his wife's help.

Newly-wed Pvt. Al Leone dashing for the street car on nights off.

The Chaplain introducing the three recent movie celeb. visitors to the most popular man on the post, Sgt. Caesar Michelotti, the butcher.

S/Sgt. Paul T. Jenkins practicing the "early bird catches the worr." theory" only he is after 'specials' for nite duty.

Sgt. Ross Morey doing a pinching act on the person of a 1st Lieut.no less-and red faces a dime a dozen as far as Morey is concerned.

Checker ace Pvt. Stuart E. Curtis demonstrating the ancient game to a captain no less.

Pvt. Allen E. Knight trying to decide which of his numerous he will

Sgt. George Erissmann spending a good deal of his time on the 2nd floor of the Administration Bldg. chatting with a young lady in the Chief Nurse's office.

Sgt. Edward Blythin threatening to sue this sheet for libel and defamation of character. Ho! hum!

S/Sgt. William Thomas spending hours talking to his girl each night. June. It has been called love.

A KANSAN IN CALIFORNIA HELPS WITH THE LETTERMAN RECREATION



MISS VENA EWING Assistant to the Director of Recreation on Red Cross staff.

It's a long way from Kansas to San Francisco, and it's an even longer way, occupationally speaking, from being a concert pianist and college music teacher to directing recreational activities at Letterman Hospital. But a lady who has bridged both these gaps is the charming, auburn-haired Miss Vena Ewing, latest addition to the staff of the Red Cross Recreation Center

Born at Larned, Kansas, where her father was a small-town doctor, Miss Ewing began her higher education at Stevens College, Columbia, Missouri, and went on to Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas.

There she was graduated with the degrees of Bachelor of Music both in piano and music education. At Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, she continued her studies and emerged with an M.M. (Master of Music, to you).

In 1939 she went to Arizona State Teachers College at Flagstaff as instructor in piano and music education, a position she held until last at the moment. She wants to bring

It was a short filler in a college men in the wards.

newspaper that decided her upon a new career. The item told about the opportunities available to young women in the American Red Cross.

"Having decided to join," she says, "I came to San Francisco and started pestering the officials to give me a chance. But the Red Cross wasn't too anxious. Most of their workers are trained in social work or allied fields and a musical education wasn't regarded as the right preparation.

In November of last year she finally won her point, was sent to Washington for the customary Red Cross Training, and was returned to this station.

"I've only one hobby," she says, 'and that's going to concerts." Any musical event in San Francisco from a performance of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra to a jam session is likely to have Miss Ewing as a patron if she can make it, she's just mad about music.

The increase in musical activities at this hospital is Miss Ewing's goal more and more entertainment to the

SPECIAL SERVICE

AT LONG LAST-After much "sweating" and patient waiting, Cpl. Daniel Mahoney, the fightin' Irishman of the School Charge of Quarters office, yesterday received a trip to his home state of New York. The trip terminates only twenty miles from his home on Long Island, and with a coveted delay of four days no one blames him for walking on air and singing Irish ballads.

Bleary-eyed the four men on Detached Service reported back to the Detachment this week for duty. Exhausted from the cross country trek, and the entertainment at home, Tech. 4ths Miller, Stone, Thomas, and Halliwell admitted it seemed good to be back.

. . .

S/Sgt. Harris Hitt has a new pet, a seagull this time by the name of Thermin. According to the Sergeant the same (?) bird comes around every morning to patrol the area around School building T-46 and tete a tete with Harris.

Classes began in earnest this week in all the schools and the instructors are valiantly struggling with the largest groups in the history of the school.

With a sigh of relief we learn that the measles scare that struck the school is over-for the duration, we hope.

SIGHTS ABOUT THE TOWN . . .

Tech. 4th Francis Rowland and George Hopple enjoying the finer (?) things in life at one of the local theaters.

Cpl. Henry Pezzella trying to form a ball team-so we all will "play ball" together.

The quantities of letters Sgt. Shea has been receiving since his confinement in the hospital. They all seem to be concerned with his physical condition-even Charles Atlas is worried.

And then there is always T/5 George Choate pounding one of the typewriters, writing letters to his wife since she left last month.

There is magic in the air and it is permeating the entire organization. There is a snap and a dash in the way things are being done. It is most noteworthy in the various litter squads which are rounding into shape admirably.

Among the most pleasant personalities of the 717th are S/Sgt Anderson and his ability to make every soldier stay on his toes. Cpl. Weaver, who is one of the most popular men in the organization.

Pvt. Ambrose Jackson, attache of the Letterman General Mess, and his broad smile when head dietician Miss Mitchell commends him on his calories.

Pvt. Bartlett and his versatility in many fields makes him very popular with the entire organization. Pvt. Richard Rogers, of the mess section, whose foghorn voice and fine spirit have endeared him to the whole

Pvt. Julius Clay and his ability to wear Uncle Sam's clothes well makes him a model for most recruits while Pvt. Samuel Boyd and his splendid voice will probably go far in this man's army.

Pvt. Montell Wilson appears nonchalant as he absorbs wisdom from Sergeant Taylor. Sgt. Hill is famous for his automatic coming to attention when General Weed's name is mentioned. Pvt. Andrew L. Clayhim for future progress.

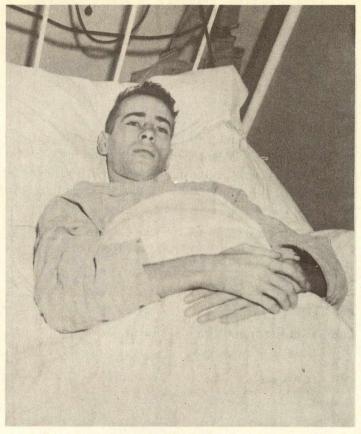
Pvts. William Farina and Richard Winn of Letterman mess for an unbeatable combination of efficiency under the able guidance of Sgt. Manuel Gonzales.

A big hand is given to all of the organization which have adopted that military correctness being so ably displayed by our new officers. Lieutenants Henderson and Chad-



Louis C. Sullivan

NIPS NIPPED GOOD POKER HAND BUT SGT. ROTT SURVIVES TO PLAY AGAIN



GLENN W. ROTT Sergeant, Infantry, Unassigned

"That bomb," says the sergeant, reflectively, "sure ruined a beautiful poker hand." It's Sergeant Glenn W. Rott of Wishek, N. D., speaking of the Japanese missile of death that ton's keen and studious mind marks killed one of his companions, wounded two others and nearly cost him his life on Guadalcanal Island last October.

> Sergeant Rott was a member of the first Army outfit to go to the aid of the embattled U.S. Marines on Guadalcanal. Off duty from their job of guarding Henderson air field, Rott and some of his mates had gathered in an improvised bomb shelter for a card game.

"We would play until we heard the enemy bombers coming over," Rott says, "then pinch out the candle and sit in the dark until they had gone."

The shelter was destroyed by a bomb landing 15 feet away and flying shrapnel wounded Rott. He was lines and from that point was flown taken to a base hospital in the Fiji he says, "next year for sure."

Islands and brought to Letterman on February 8.

Rott entered active military service on February 10, 1941, while a sophomore at North Dakota State College. A member of the National Guard, he was called to duty with his unit and began a year's training at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. On December 9, 1942, two days after Pearl Harbor, the organization was on its way to embark at a West Coast port.

Three days in Australia and six months in the New Hebrides preceded their landing on Guadalcanal. Initiated into combat by spending their first night under fire from land, sea and air, Rott and his fellow soldiers took up their task of replacing the Marines. Eleven days after landing Rott was wounded.

From his bed in Ward D-1, the sergeant looks forward to a furlough at home as soon as he is well. On transferred to a hospital behind the the prospects of a quick victory over the Japs, Rott expresses confidence. to the New Hebrides. Later he was "We might finish them up this year,"



To Sergeant and Mrs. Irving W. Dorfman, a daughter, Marsha Ellen Dorfman, born March 11, weight seven pounds, seven ounces.

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To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Howard D. Smith, a son, David Eugene Smith, born March 12, weight eight pounds, three ounces.

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To Sergeant and Mrs. Roy Thompson, a son, Howard Leslie Thompson, born March 13, weight six pounds, thirteen ounces.

To Private first-class and Mrs. Harry Hershel, a son, Ronald Samuel Hershel, born March 14, weight seven pounds, four ounces. * * *

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. Robert C. Frank, a son, Robert Joseph Frank, born March 15.

To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Leslie A. Irvin, a daughter, Margaret Ann Irvin, born March 15, weight eight pounds, four ounces.

To Technciian Fourth-Grade and Mrs. Richard Witbeck, a daughter, Paula Allene Whitbeck, born March 15, weight seven pounds, one ounce.

Y. M. C. A.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20:

10:15 p.m. Boy's Swim.

8:00 p.m. DANCE to the music of the 4TH ARMY DANCE ORCHESTRA.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21:

6:00 p.m. Feature Movie - "JOY OF LIVING," a comedy with IRENE DUNNE, DOUG FAIRBANKS JR. & ALICE BRADY.

7:40 p.m. VESPER SERVICES.

8:30 p.m. Lobby Musical Program, with LUCILLE UDO-VICH, soloist, and the VIC-TRIOLETTES, violin, cello and piano.

9:15 p.m. POPULAR SING, with Vera Frazier and Ed Rickman.

OUR CAMERAMAN



DANIEL W. BROCK T/5th Gr. Signal Corps

We are introducing T/5th Gr. Daniel W. Brock of the Signal Corps who has been in and out of the 'flash light' for the Foghorn during the last eight months. Cpl. Brock tells us his story as follows:

"Like most photographers I started out as an amateur," he began. "There is an old saying: 'If business interferes with pleasure give up business.' I was in the mining business and it interfered with my hobby so I quit and went to a photographic school with the idea of combining business and pleasure as a life work. The teacher I had at school is now Lieut. (j.g.) H. Lee Hansen, U.S.N.R., and he has furnished over thirty photographers to the different branches of the armed forces.

"Aftr finishing school I started as a free-lance photographer, doing any kind of work that came my way. An assignment finally did come, to photograph a new mining project, and from that job I decided to specialize in mining photography, I knew mines and mining and by combining photography I became the only specialist in this kind of work. During the first seven months of 1941 I averaged 3000 miles a month, traveling all over the State of California (I am a native son) photographing mines. Most of the mines I photographed are now producing vital war materials.

"In August Uncle Sam decided he neede me more than the mining profession did and, so, ever since I have been at the Presidio," he concluded.

At Post Theater

March 23 and 24:

BERLIN CORRESPONDENT — Sigman Ruman and Virginia Gilmore.

March 25 and 26:

SEVEN MILES FROM ALCA-TRAZ—James Craig and Bonita Granville,

March 27 and 28:

JUST OFF BROADWAY—Lloyd Nolan and Marjorie Weaver.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

In compliance with W. D. Circular No. 44, it will be necessary for all military personnel of this post to fill out new application blanks in order to continue their War Bond purchases through payroll deduction. The present deduction will terminate with the March 31st payroll. In order to facilitate the execution of the new system of issue, it is suggested that all Officers, Nurses and enlisted personnel of this post now purchasing bonds, renew their applications at their earliest possible convenience. It is also suggested that this would be an excellent opportunity to increase the deduction to at least 10 per cent. New applications are always welcome as in the past.

The following members of the Army Nurse Corps have taken advantage of this opportunity to increase their payroll deduction.

2nd Lt. Rebecca D. Hoover

2nd Lt. June C. Winegar

2nd Lt. Leone M. Kolson

2nd Lt. Jean M. Bowlus

2nd Lt. Helen Waldock

2nd Lt. Edith E. Hinchliffe

2nd Lt. Ruth E. Laumbach

2nd Lt. Anna M. Abbey

2nd Lt. Janet V. Peet

2nd Lt. Elnore L. Mendia

2nd Lt. Alice G. Wallenberg

2nd Lt. Margaret A. Pawloski 2nd Lt. Betty McAweeney

2nd Lt. Ellen M. Karppi

2nd Lt. Margaret M. Wright

2nd Lt. Virginia M. Dean

2nd Lt. Myrtle M. Martin

2nd Lt. Beverly M. White

2nd Lt. Dorothy A. Bill

. Bill 2nd Lt. Jane C. Taylor

2nd Lt. Sally E. Hayes



Letterman Boxers Will Show Skill On Monday Evening

Monday night at 8:00 p. m. eight men from Letterman will enter the boxing ring at the Civic auditorium in an elimination tournament to determine the champions of the various weights among amateurs of the bay area.

Sponsored by the Pacific Association of the American Athletic Union the slug-fest will be held primarily to raise money to purchase athletic equipment for men of the overseas forces and will extend from March 22nd to April 2nd.

Much is expected from the Medics in the heavy and middle weight ranks. The only man to enter the senior class from Letterman is Anthony Polak who sports a couple of championships which he earned while serving in the islands. He was also semi-finalist among the heavyweights in the recent Golden Glove tournament held in San Francisco and should go far. Also in this class are Chester Williams and Arthur Judkins from the 717th and John Kozak of the guard.

The middle weight class also will be well represented. William Wilkes and Chester Hunter from the 717th, and although of novice ranking have shown decided class in training.

Last but not least is Letterman's representative in the welter-weight class. One hundred and forty pounds of dynamite in the person of Roger Campbell. He is also of the guards and bids fair to make plenty of trouble for his opponents among the 147 pounders. 'Rog' hails from Chicago and has seen plenty of action among the amateurs of the squared ring.

All eight men are under the management of Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West and he announces that they should make a good showing for themselves.

Life Savers

Weapons



Never point a weapon at anybody unless you intend to kill him Volume 2

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Many Chapters Over **Quota in Red Cross** War Fund Campaign

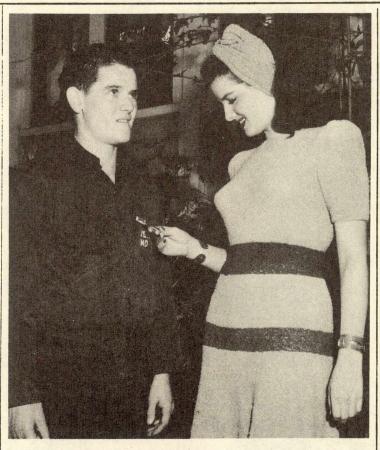
WASHINGTON, D.C.-With hopes high for surpassing the national goal of \$125,000,000, legions of American Red Cross workers this week start the second half of the nationwide campaign for the 1943 War Fund. Scores of chapters already have "gone over the top" but conscious of the tremendous burdens imposed on the organization, particularly by its ever-growing services to our fighting men, are pressing on toward new goals.

Notable among the numerous instances of quotas exceeded in only a few days are reports from military posts throughout the country where enlisted men, although not solicited, have joined officers and civilian personnel in swelling the total subscriptions. Many fighting men on overseas battle fronts also have sent contributions to their home chapters. They have echoed in varying terms the observation of General Dwight D. Eisenhower from his field headquarters in North Africa:

"I do hope that the Red Cross organization in this theater will be expanded many times. We have need of it every day everywhere and I have yet to meet an American soldier, and I've spoken to hundreds, who doesn't say with enthusiasm and vigor 'That Red Cross is certainly doing a fine job."

The Officers Club of an American Army base "somewhere in England" handed the Red Cross representative fifty pounds of sterling "in appreciation of the activities in that area," and from the British Red Cross and St. John came a cable saving:

"Every good wish for success of your drive for funds. We shall never forget American Red Cross generosity in our hour of need and



PVT. ARTHUR McGINN

Who faced the Japs at Guadalcanal without flinching is just a bit nervous while Jane Russell-cinema star of "The Outlaw" admires the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart awarded to him for meritorious service in action against the enemy.

tinues. Confident the \$125,000,000 home in the hills, an aged Spanishmark will be reached."

Among the first contributions received by the Boston, Mass., Metropolitan Chapter was \$5 mailed by a Brookline youth now a corporal in a medical detachment in North Africa together with a personal tribute to the field director serving the men of his unit.

thank you for help which still con- Fund worker would find his remote!

American War veteran became the first contributor, donating \$5, saved from his old age pension of \$20 a month.

Mrs. Marion Tantzer, shipyard worker, turned over one of her first pay checks to the Oakland, Calif., chapter. With tears in her eyes she told how home service volunteers At Eastland, Texas, fearing no War and a field director in Alaska had

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Patients Are Again Delighted by Visit Of Screen Stars

Two movie celebrities—the lovely new star. Jane Russell and comedian Frank McHugh-who have been making personal appearances at every performance of the much discussed moving picture "The Outlaw" took time out long enough Monday afternoon to pay a visit to the patients at Letterman Hospital. Mr. George McCall, representative for Howard Hughes productions, accompanied the two stars on the visit which was arranged through the courtesy of Major Harry Martin.

After paying their respects to Brigadier General Frank W. Weed. Commanding General, the visitors were escorted by Chaplain McKenna on an informal tour of the hospital

Their arrival, which had been heralded for several days aroused much excitement among the personnel and patients. Large numbers of persons in the hospital suddenly found excuses to "run out" on errands and so arrange to cross the paths of the stars in an effort to get a "Close-up" of them.

Starting with the officers ward and a special chat with Lieut. Edward J. Dunne the party went down the surgical and up the medical sides of the hospital during the too short time they were able to spend with the patients. At one point in the tour Frank McHugh became lost in the crowd and he was discovered all settled down for a nice long talk with some of the men in one of the 'day rooms.' The naive charm and grace of Miss Russell was felt and appreciated by all patients and her one regret was that she could not stop long enough to learn to know the patients better.

EVERY DAY IS A WASH DAY AT THE LETTERMAN LAUNDRY

The watchword of medicine is cleanliness. Without clean bandages, clean instruments and clean linen, the never ending battle against disease and the wounds of war would be lost before it began.

At Letterman it is the job of Technical Sergeant Lester L. Lockwood and the 70 odd workers under him to "keep it clean," "it" being the thousands of items which require laundering, and that's no small job.

Operated as an adjunct of the Medical Supply Service, the laundry also has contracts with virtually every station hospital in the San Francisco area including Camp Stoneman, Hamilton Field, Fort Scott, Fort McDowell, the Presidio Station Hospital, Camp Knight, and many smaller units in addition to doing the laundry for transport ship hospitals.

Altogether the month's output totals about 70,000 pieces, according to Lockwood. The biggest items being sheets, "whites", the white uniforms worn by ward attendants and other hospital workers, and "reds," the maroon-colored garments of the patients.

Hospital laundry is handled in two ways, Lockwood says. The Letterman supply is in a "pool" system, while that from outside hospitals is on a "check" system.

In the "pool" system, the institution maintains a reserve supply of every washable item with the laundry and each day's fresh supply is checked out when the soiled material is turned in, thereby eliminating the necessity for tagging individual items.

The "check" system, as the name implies, requires that each day's shipment be checked and tagged individually and returned the same way. This takes more time, but it eliminates errors.

Letterman laundry is exchanged each morning between the hours of 7 and 10. After that, other stations start coming in, and there is scarcely a minute during the day, Lockwood says, that one or more trucks are not at the loading platform either bringing in or receiving laundry.

Once the soiled garments have arrived at the laundry here's what happens to them.

Sorting is the first process, if the consignment is from an outside hospital or personal laundry, it must be individually marked so that it can



The final step in washing clothes. Mr. Ricardo Montes closing the washing machine for the last bleaching of the clothes.



Mrs. Bessie Murphy operating the Small Clothes Press.



As the automatic folder does its work Mrs. Albria Aldenrengher, left, and Mrs. Hazel Yoeman sort and stack the linen.

be reassembled when laundered. Then it must be classified. Material which must be ironed is on classification, starched clothing a second, "rough dry"—things like barracks bags that require no ironing—and so on. White and colored materials also constitute separate groups.

From the checking room the laundry moves to the washers. Our laundry has six of these, two of them capable of holding 15,000 pounds of dry materials each at one filling.

Resembling huge steam boilers with hinged sides, the washers attain temperatures of 165 degrees fahrenheit, while churn-like agitators stir the material violently.

About 45 minutes of this and the material is ready for the extractors. The extractor is a centrifugal device designed to remove water from the material. It does the job by spinning at high speed and removes approximately one-half the water content, readying the clothes for ironing. All this takes about 15 minutes.

Small items like towels, pillow cases and bandages go through a machine known as a conditioning tumbler which takes out an additional three per cent of the water content before moving on to the flat work ironers.

It is at this point that the various classifications part company. "Rough dry" items go to the tumblers. A sort of miniature threshing machine, the tumbler rolls, threshes and squeezes out the remainder of the moisture and leaves the materials ready to be reassembled and placed on shelves ready for return to their owners.

Materials requiring pressing but not ironing go through the flat work irons. Reminiscent of a modern rotary newspaper press, the irons are complexes on wheels, gears and tapes. Women attendants place the damp and rumpled material in one end of the machine and it emerges at the other end, pressed and ready for folding.

The laundry possesses three of these machines, two of them with folder attachments, the largest are capable of ironing 5,000 sheets in an 8-hour period.

Starched materials go to a third section where 19 young women op-

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MORE ABOUT LAUNDRY

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erating 30 presses starch and press each piece individually.

Once the process is complete, all items are again reassembled in the checking room and placed on shelves awaiting shipment.

The biggest job the laundry handles outside of the hospital work, Lockwood says, is the personal laundry for members of the enlisted personnel of the medical detachment, the school and the 717th Sanitary Corps.

For \$1.50 per month—about half the amount charged for the service in most camps, according to a army newspaper survey-the laundry does all the laundry each man turns in.

The job of tagging small individual items such as handkerchiefs and socks so that each individual bundle can be reassembled after washing is the big headache about personal laundry, Lockwood states. To tag, wash and reassemble the personal items of more than 1,000 enlisted men in order to insure that every soldier gets back the same number and the same sized sox, underwear and so forth, consumes a lot of time, Lockwood states.

Hospital laundry demands, and gets, 24-hour service, but personal laundry takes longer.

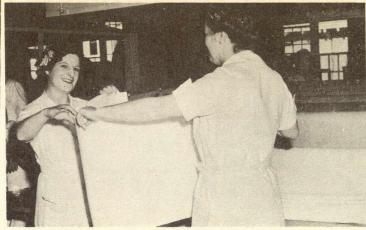
The equipment in the laundry cost approximately \$100,000, Lockwood says. He's proud of the fact that they have all the latest gadgets, but says that recent additions to the machinery have made floor space a serious problem. The laundry is housed in a single story structure immediately in the rear of the main ramp of the hospital with a small annex in an adjoining structure.

The labor shortage is another problem. Formerly operated on a 24-hour basis, the laundry has been forced to reduce their working hours from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. Sixtythree civilian and 10 enlisted men are employed in the hospital.

Its 70,000 piece per month capacity of the laundry makes it either the largest or the second largest military hospital laundry in the United States, according to Lockwood.

"I know its bigger than any of them with the possible exception of Walter Reed hospital laundry in Washington, D. C.," he said.

Sgt. Lockwood is a veteran of 10



to right: Mrs. Lolita Bechthold and Mrs. Florence Clemans fold sheets as they come off the ironer.



TECHNICAL SERGEANT LESTER L. LOCKWOOD Non Commissioned Officer in charge of the laundry.

most of it at the Letterman laundry. Moving Pictures He started here back in 1933 working in every department of the institution, advancing rung by rung until he reached the post of supervisor.

He was inducted into military service last May 15, but stayed on in the same capacity. He probably can lay claim to one of the quickest promotions in army history, too, for he went from private to technical sergeant on his second day in uniform.

Born in Eugene, Oregon, he calls Crescent City, California his home, having spent most of his life in

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 30 and 31:

MY SISTER EILEEN - Rosalind Russell and Brian Aherne.

Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday, April 1 and 2:

THE BLACK SWAN-Tyrone Power and Maureen O'Hara. Also Short Subjects.

San Francisco about 15 years ago and held jobs as a construction worker on the Golden Gate Bridge and as laundry superintendent at the Children's Hospital of San Franyears experience in the business, business in that town. He came to cisco before coming to Letterman.

P. O. Explains Mail **Delay French Style** 'C'Est Le Guerre'

If your mail has been coming at a snail's pace, the following news story out of Washington may explain the delay.

Perhaps you're getting ordinary letters ahead of air mail.

It often happens that letters from Washington to New York or vice versa take two or three days. They used to take one.

The same applies to transcontinental mail; a letter from Kansas City, for instance, may take as long to get to New York as one from Los Angeles before Pearl Harbor.

At the Post Office Department, reasons given for delays are sum-

"There's a war on." It reminds us of the old French expression during the last war when things were haywire, "C'est le guerre."

The Nation's post offices have lost about 10 per cent of their men (including some of the most experienced) to the armed services. The Department says it has asked for no draft deferments. Around 30,000 mail clerks, carriers and handlers have gone into the Army and Navy.

Meanwhile war has increased the mails. In 1942 the Department figures it handled more than 30,000,-000,000 pieces of mail. This was 881,000,000 pieces more than in 1941.

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker indicates that practically all kinds of mail have increased, the only clear exception being third class mail, which includes certain types of catalogs and circulars. Mail order firms, he says, are sending out fewer of these.

First class mail-ordinary letters -is up about 10 per cent. Congressmen say Government mail will exceed \$70,000,000 in postage value this year.

Mail trains are delayed by troop movements going all over the country. The Army has taken some of the department's postal cars for Army kitchens to serve these moving troops.

Train delays count heavily because in many cities deliveries have been cut down to one a day-so if the morning train gets in too late for the morning delivery, the whole mail is held up 24 hours.

Sorting, handling and carrying have been slowed down because the crack men lost to the armed serv-

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THE FOG HORN

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LIFE LINE

It doesn't do any good to throw out a life line if you do not keep a firm grip on the other end. Our men serving with the armed forces in the combat zones are counting on us to hold our end of that line—the Red Cross life line that is their tie with home and family and our one tie with them.

When emergencies arise at home—problems of allotments that haven't come through, serious illness, business and financial difficulties, or the allimportant letters have stopped coming and loved ones at home are worried about what may have happened, the Home Service unit of our own chapter stands ready to start relief messages on their way to the front.

At the other end of the line of rapid communication service are the field directors serving wherever the U. S. armed forces are stationed. They are the consultants to whom the men may turn if they need assistance in solving problems—friends who have at their fingertips facilities for sending emergency messages back to the family at home.

With field directors on the job on the war front and Home Service on call on the home front, we are never really out of touch with the men in the battle areas.

It is through our contributions that we keep this vital link unbroken. The men, thousands of miles away, who are fighting for us, are counting on us, the folks at home, to hold our end of that line.

We can't let them down! Let's give them all the help we can by contributing our full share to the 1943 RED CROSS WAR FUND now!



The staff of this hospital extends a welcome to the following newcomers:

Letterman Hospital is the first assignment for Second Lieutenant Jean D. Setera. She was born and reared in Oregon City, Oregon, and after graduating from high school in her hometown she went for her nurses training to St. Joseph's Hospital in Vancouver, Washington. After completing her training she worked for four years in a doctor's office in Portland, Oregon, until she joined the Red Cross in December of 1942. On March 16, 1943 Miss Setera became a member of the Army Nurse Corps at Portland.

Here by transfer from Fort Riley, Kansas, is another daughter of Oregon. Second Lieutenant Elouise E. Patterson was born in Suver, Oregon and attended school in Suver and at Lebanon High School in Lebanon, Oregon. She then went to the University of Oregon for her nurses training, graduating in 1931. Miss Patterson joined the staff of the Multnomah County Hospital in Oregon, leaving there to go to Albany General Hospital in Albany, Oregon, remaining there for five years. In December of 1941, she signed up as a member of the Army Nurse Corps at the 46th General Hospital, University of Oregon Medical School, and was assigned to Barnes General Hospital. Last July Lt. Patterson was sent with her unit to Fort Riley. Kansas, where she was stationed until this month when she was transferred to Letterman General Hospital.

Last week saw the departure of 1st Lieutenant Mary E. Guilfoyle for McClellan Field at Sacramento. Lt. Guilfoyle had been stationed at Letterman since last November and last month was promoted to Chief Nurse. Good luck.

Behold the newest addition to the staff of the Chief Nurse's Office. The former Supervisor of Surgery, 1st Lt. Frances Ewing, will continue to display her usual efficiency and flash that charming smile!

Q. Who was the Chief Nurse who moted to the greelebrated her 25th anniversary of in June of 1942.



2nd Lieut. Dorothy Richardson, Army of the United States, donning her golden bars and going about her work as usual.

Major Harry W. Martin renewing an old friendship over a 'coke" at the P. X. Grill. At least, he said it was on old friendship.

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Sergeant Roland W. Caisse, former expert on the EKG hereabouts, now deep in the heart of Texas, and back for a look-see at his old friends who are still fighting the Battle of Market Street.

Lieut. Walter Snowden Smith wearing a far away look in his eyes due to his constant peering into the distance for a first sight of the new son and heir.

Pvt. Arthur McGinn pinch hitting for Ashby at the San Francisco Blood Bank and then spending the afternoon in company with Ed Wynn and those three magazine cover girls.

Lieut. Jack Sauerwein still wondering where he will finally land for his permanent station.

Warrant Officer William R. Moody back from his brief leave of absence and immediately that "Collection Sheet" in the Staff Room took on a new significance.

The sun out again for our usual excellent weather.

service in the Army Nurse Corps last February 3rd and who kept this event a dark secret until the arrival of some beautiful flowers threw a little light on the mystery?

A. Give up? None other than our beloved 1st Lieutenant Sara C. Brogan who has been in the Army Nurse Corps since February 4, 1918, and who has enough pep for two people and is the chief pansy-picker as well as Chief Nurse. Miss Brogan has seen army nursing in ten different stations — including France in 1918. She has been at Letterman since March 22, 1941, being promoted to the grade of Chief Nurse in June of 1942

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, March 28, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Mass daily except Sunday, 4:30

Confessions before all Masses.

Benedction — Wednesday—after

Stations—Friday, 4:10 p. m.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship et 10:00 p. m.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

The Stork Was Here

To Captain and Mrs. Warren Drahe, a daughter, Merrilee Diane Drahe, born March 18, weight eight pounds, two ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Reese Scott, a daughter, Karen Louise Scott, born March 22, weight seven pounds, fifteen ounces.

To Technician fourth-grade and Mrs. Thomas E. Brown, a son, Albert Earl Brown, born March 23, weight seven pounds, five ounces.

MORE ABOUT P. O. EXPLAINS

(Continued from page three)

ices have been replaced in most cases by novices.

Many women are becoming clerks and handlers, but there's no official encouragement to be found here for the idea of women mail carriers. The average pack weighs six pounds and holds 35 pounds of mail. A city carrier sometimes makes 500 calls a day, going up and down almost that many sets of steps. Women, postal officials say, can't stand up to such a grind as a rule.

Air mail is delayed, it is explained, because in the first place the armed services have taken roughly half the mail planes. Meanwhile there's been more than a 50 per cent increase in the amount of air mail to be handled. The armed services have priority on all mail plane space, too, when they need this space, the ordinary mails have to wait for the next plane or go by the quickest alternate route.

ON THE SPOT



VESTAL ASHBY
Private Infantry Unassigned

The title of this piece probably ought to be "Where's Where in the South Pacific," or something of that sort, because Pvt. Vestal Ashby's itinerary in the land "down under" reads like a travel guide.

During the six months the softspoken North Carolinan—Winston-Salem is his home town—spent south of the Equator, he got around to Australia, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, where he lost a leg, New Hebrides, New Zealand, the Fiji Islands and maybe a few more places he forgot to mention.

"The big wind", as Ashby calls the draft, blew him into military service back in November of 1941. He was inducted in South Carolina and sent immediately to Camp Edwards, Mass., for a year's training.

He got to Australia last September after a rather extensive boat ride from an eastern United States port, as they say in the communiques.

Ashby went up to Guadalcanal in November for a stay that was short if not sweet. The seventh day of action, November 28, to be exact, he was struck in the left leg by a sniper's bullet.

A plane flew him to the New Hebrides the next day, and he was subsequently transferred to hospitals in the Fiji Islands and New Zealand before arriving at Letterman last New Year's Day.

Gas gangrene in the wound made the amputation of his left leg necessary. Now Ashby looks forward to getting his new mechanical leg and to getting home to the old home town.

OH, SERGEANT!

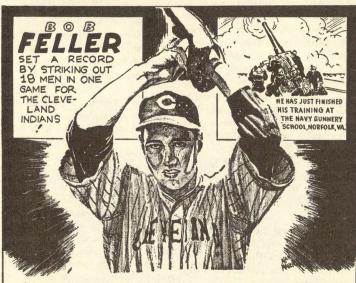
We used to think zebras were the only dumb animals with stripes.

Cpl. Gizmoe Cpl. Lou Goldberg



"There goes Homer, still bucking for that Section VIII."

STARS IN SERVICE



STRIKE OUT THE AXIS!

INVEST IN WAR BONDS

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. Theodore R. Otterstetter

A tall, blond lad with an infectious grin who puts in his time taking care of the patients in Ward E-2 is our Buck of the Week this week. His name is Theodore Richard Otterstetter, and like a lot of other blond people he was born in the State of Minnesota. Moorhead was the town and September 30, 1922, was the date.

About five of Minnesota's famous cold winters were more than enough for Our Buck and the year 1927 found him bound for Oakland, with his parents firmly in tow.

In Oakland he went to Stonehurst grammar school, Elmhurst Junior High School and Castlemont High School, graduating in 1940.

About this time Our Buck's artistic urge came into the foreground, he decided to undertake the career of a painter. So saying, he launched forth as an apprentice on his chosen work and was merrily engaged in slinging pigments around when the draft board decided to exercise a priority on his services.

He turned up at the Presidio of Monterey induction center on January 8, 1943. On January 19 he came to Letterman and has been here since.

Otterstetter was a member of the basketball team during his Oakland high school days, and he hasn't yet lost his interest in athletics.

His ambition is to become an athletic coach after the war. Right now he's content to stay right on here at Letterman. "I didn't like this place much at first," he says, "but I do now."

CAUSTIC COMMENT OF THE MONTH: Londons 'Punch,' upon learning that Mussolini has not been himself for some time, offered Il Duce its congratulations.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended the following men who joined the detachment during the week. S/Sgt. Paul T. Eaton, T/4th Gr. Orlin Anderson and T/5th Gr. Thomas W. Utterback.

Good luck to W. O. Clyde L. Lester, 1st/Sgt. Robert F. Gergen and T/4th Gr. Norbert E. Cord who left the organization for new posts.

Also we wish much success to the following men who, for the convenience of the government, have reverted to civilian life, they are: T/4th Gr. Homer Bullock, and Theodore B. Veldad and Pvts. John B. Labory, Ivan S. Cogo, Eugene R. Gantz, and Leandro M. Perez.

Congratulations are in order for William F. Collins and Reginald V. Alley who were appointed Privates First-Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

That Cpl. Harry Brix has quit playing billiards. Wonder why?

Pvt. John Mattison talking on the phone, giving information to a soldier in the Information Office and beating out time to radio music all at one time.

1st/Sgt. Calvin Williams wearing his helmet backwards.

Pvt. Roger Campbell with a real fighting heart.

Sgt. Irving C. Weill choosing to spending his last evening with his wife before going on DS, instead of going to the fights.

Sgt. George W. (one "s") Erismann receiving gifts from a secret admirer.

Pvt. Floyd R. Thibault pulling a fast one and getting married over the week-end.

Sgt. Percy E. Warren with never much to say but always his job well done.

Pvt. Walt Behrens executing a left-face when the rest of the squad turns in the opposite direction and, incidentally, threatening 1st Sgt. Cal Williams with apoplexy.

The host of "friends" surrounding Pvt. Jim Phillips when a neatlywrapped box of chocolates arrives from home.

Sundry denizens of the Administration building's second floor bustling downstairs on important business that just happened to coincide with the visit of movie star Jane Russell.

ART OF PLAYING IS WORK OF ASSISTANT RECREATION WORKER



MISS GRACE EDWARDS
Assistant Recreation Director

A veteran of nearly 15 years of service in recreation work and allied fields is Miss Grace Edwards, assistant director and currently acting director in the absence of Mrs. Jean Ruley, of the Letterman Red Cross Recreation Center.

A descendent of three generations of Californians, Miss Edwards has lived her entire life in the state with the exception of one five-year period spent in New Mexico.

She went to grade school in San Francisco, attended Tamalpias High School and Heads College in Berkeley for two years, majoring in the social sciences.

From 1928 until 1930 she worked as recreational director at the San Fernando Veterans Hospital in San Fernando, her first position in military recreation work.

From 1930 until 1935 she worked as recreational director at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, returning to California to enter children's work in Los Angeles.

She retained the Los Angeles job until 1941 when the current war broke out.

"I wanted to do something," she says, "so I came to San Francisco and after looking around a little, decided that the Red Cross suited me best."

Accepted into the organization, she was immediately assigned to Letterman hospital and has been here ever since.

Miss Edwards is no hobbyist. "When I go home," she says, "I just like to relax." Her pride and joy is a pet canary named "Soldier."

The bird is a genuine thoroughbred German Roller, Miss Edwards solemnly affirms, and he sings beautifully. There are two schools of thought on that subject, most of the rest of the recreation office force think he just makes noises, but loud ones.

The patients like to watch his antics, however, and they like his mistress too.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

The School Detachment welcomes back T/4th Gr. Fred B. Hartzell after an extended illness that confined him to the hospital, and later a sick furlough (Oh, hallowed be THAT name). With this writing, Sgt. Hartzell has resumed his duties as an instructor in the X-Ray School.

The hospital claimed two more of the Detachment men this week when T/4th Gr. Jack Halliwell entered to rid himself of that cold, and S/Sgt. Herman Knoller turned juvenile and took down with the German measles

One of the most pleasant SUR-PRISES to many of the students and Duty Personnel this week was the order that garrison belts and service caps could be worn off the Post. Now, many of these, stored away up to this time, can be brought to light, especially when the boys are going out "formal."

CAMPUS SHOTS . . .

Spontaneous song and dance from First Sergeant Hoblitzel telling us that Spring . . . when a young man's fancy turns . . . is here.

In compensation for the time the late "sign-er-inners" should have been in bed, we notice the Dawn Patrol cleaning out the Headquarters Office.

It's interesting to see "The men in white" being inspected outside since the advent of lighter mornings.

And now even Cpl. Edwin Lanceit seems happy since his wife has come out to the Coast from New York to join him.



J. E. WINKELMAN

Q. M. NEWS



Among the hundred of patriotic citizens giving their blood to supply plasma to the fighting forces of the Nation, are regular donors in our QM Corps, Sue Greenwell and Betty Cammel of Procurement Division and Herman F. Frash of Property Section. They make their regular trips every eight weeks to the Red Cross Blood Procurement Center at 2415 Jones Street.

Pvt. Lynn L. Thomas is back on the job in the Commissary after visiting his home in Macon, Missouri. Pvt. Thomas Sargeant spent a few days at his home in Indiana and returned to resume his duties at the Bakery.

M/Sgt. Charles Brechtel of Property Section showing the boys his "bull's-eye" technique at the rifle range by hitting top score last Sunday. Sgt. "Pop" Latimer spent three days at the range, and everyone missed his "special sunshine smile."

We hear from a little birdie that Pvt. Charles Bissonnetti is now in New York, having been released from a Texas hospital where he underwent an operation. Pvt. Bissonnetti, "Bizz" to the boys, was working at the Commissary before leaving for Texas.

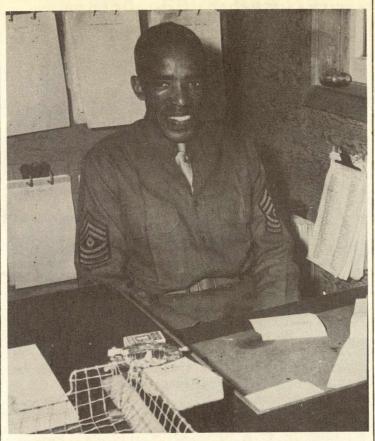
The Print Shop boys hope to see Glenn Whipply, who has been ill, fully recovered and back on the job soon. Pvt. Edward Sehorn just returned from Willow, California, where he spent three days with his wife and baby daughter.

Pvt. Al Giovannetti hoping to go to Brooklyn next month to see the Dodgers give out in the new baseball season. Pvt. Giovannetti is a good friend of Harry "Cookie" Lavagetto of the U.S. Navy, who was formerly third baseman for the Dodgers.

All the QM employees hung out their flags last Monday to welcome Major Oscar Speed back from his trip to Kentucky. Major Speed was gone nine days on special duty and on his way back to San Francisco stopped in Oklahoma to see "the folks back home." The Major returned by plane and arrived with a big smile saying, "It's good to be back where it's warm!"

DEMOCRACY: All men look alike in G. I. mirrors.

FIRST SGT. JOHN H. SMITH LEARNED HIS JOB THE HARD WAY-FROM BUCK PVT. UP



JOHN H. SMITH First Sergeant, 717th Sanitary Corps

First Sergeant John H. Smith of the 717th Sanitary Corps has served in the U.S. Army for more than twenty years, has twice been in overseas duty during wartime, and has held every non-commissioned grade, but the thing he is proudest of is his 21 year-old son, Eddie L., of the Army Air Corps now stationed at Meld Field, Florida.

Born in 1899 at Louisville, Kv., Sgt. Smith went through grade school and high school in his home town before going to work as a coal miner at Nortonville in the same

in the army for the first time as a private in the 25th Infantry. When the United States entered the First World War the outfit was sent overseas and Smith spent 19 months in France although he never saw action in battle.

left the army. But not for long. In according to a recent survey.

1919 he enlisted again, this time with Company "E" of the 24th Infantry.

From that date until now Sgt. Smith has served continuously in the army. For two years he was stationed at Columbus, New Mexico, moving to Fort Benning, Ga., in 1921. From 1921 until 1942 he served at Benning, rising to the grades of pfc, corporal and sergeant.

On April 1, 1942, the 24th Infantry entrained for the West Coast to embark for overseas duty. April 13th Sgt. Smith found himself heading for a war zone again. In the South On December 16, 1915 he enlisted Pacific they prepared for action, but the Sergeant was returned to San Francisco, arriving December 2. He's been with the 717th since, and took over on March 6 as the first ser-

Officers and enlisted men of the Civilian life looked pretty good to U. S. Eight Air Force stationed in the Sergeant when the war was over England are sending and receiving so when his enlistment expired he more mail than they did at home,

Coming events cast their shadows before-with Spring here, the 717th is getting set to place a fast and hard-hitting baseball team in the field. Several of our boys are former professional players and will, no doubt, give a good account of themselves during the season.

Our basketball team parted with the distinction of being undefeated in league play by bowing to the M.P.'s of the 779th to the tune of 39-16. The M.P.'s received the coveted trophies, and as good soldiers we congratulate them on their play. It was the M.P.'s night and they dominated the court. We closed the season with six wins and one defeat.

PUNS AND FUN-Pvt. Alexander Peaks (better known as Mr. "Five by Five") telling one of the boys that the Army is a poor place to hide, since Uncle Sam knows more about his life than his mother does.

Pvt. George Redix, walking around muttering to himself (nothing but the strings and my last ten spot, it just don't seem right)-referencethe sharp-shooting of M.P.'s classy center.

Sgt. Willie Reid (before the game): "Don't worry, fellows, it's in the bag." Sgt. Reid, after the game, "I didn't say whose bag."

That long and short situation-Private Precious Jackson (6 feet, 1 inch) and Private Shorty Collins (4 feet, 2 inches) discussing the merits of Mr. Five by Five.

Heard in passing-Six soldiers discussing the chances of going AWOL, two days before payday. The following day, movie on the Articles of War - No. 68 being impressively stressed: day after payday, all men present and accounted for.

The 717th goes on record to vote solid for the Buchanan USO as the most popular spot in the city. Their courtesies and favors are tops with the boys.

Our bouquet goes to Sgt. Charles Sides, former resident of St. Louis, Missouri-now an efficient member of 717th who has and is making a name for himself. We wish him success.

Southern Calif. Once More at the Service Of the Service Man

The All-Year Club, Southern California's community advertising spokesman, today brought out a special Service Men's version of its famous Official Sight-seeing Map of Los Angeles City and County.

It will be distributed by the thousands to soldiers, sailors, and marines stationed here, to help give them a taste of the famous attractions that have brought tourist visitors flocking to the Southland in peace times.

This map is designed to supplement the "Getting Acquainted With Southern California" sight-seeing jaunts which the All-Year Club distributes to Service Men from its Official Information Bureau, 505 W. 6th St., Los Angeles. It points the way to parks, museums, movie and radio studios, freak animal farms, Olvera street, China Town, vineyards, missions, beaches, and historical spots.

A mailing sticker is attached to the map urging Service Men to mail the piece home as a souvenir. Many of the Service Men taking the sightseeing jaunts have mailed the instruction sheets home, afterwards, the All-Year Club learned.

MORE ABOUT

(Continued from page one) disproved erroneous unofficial word that her son was ill somewhere in the far north. "This check expresses my gratitude," she said.

Residents of Foard county, Texas, remembering the disaster relief provided by the Red Cross after the county was swept by a tornado last April, oversubscribed their War Fund quota of \$2,250 within five hours after its campaign opened and reported it was "still going strong."

A large St. Louis, Mo., store—Stix, Baer and Fuller—donated one day's pay to the War Fund for each of the 188 former employes now serving in the armed forces, in addition to the store's own contribution, and letters inclosing Red Cross lapel tags were mailed to them.

Making his twentieth annual contribution of one dollar to Oakland, Calif., chapter, Hannable Black, 76-year-old Negro pensioner, declared "The Red Cross is an organization that knows no color line; it serves all the people, no matter what their race or nationality."

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN PACIFIC COAST GENERAL HOSPITALS

	Participation	Pay
Sawtelle	100%	13.66%
Baxter	100%	11.55%
Hammond	97.38%	10.39%
Bushnell	93.80%	10.20%
Torney	90%	11%
LETTERMAN	79%	7%
McCaw	74%	9%
Barnes	72%	9%
Hoff	63 %	5%

The above chart is self explanatory. We find ourselves in a far from enviable position in that this organization is the oldest of the above group. One thing may be said on our behalf, and that is that we have almost doubled our quota in the last four months. The fact remains, however, that we are still far behind our goal of 90% participation and 10% pay investment.

As always, we must look to the oldest members of this organization to help us on our way. Those of you who are employed prior to Jan. 1, 1943 and who did not sign up for payroll deductions can help immeasurably by subscribing now. Those employed since Jan. 1, 1943 are almost 100% behind the War Bond drive. Subscribe now and save 10% of your pay the easy way.

Y. M., C. A.



SATURDAY, MARCH 27:

10:15 p.m. Boy's Swim, for boys on the post.

8:00 p.m. SATURDAY EVENING DANCE in the auditorium.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28:

6:00 p.m. Feature Movie: WHEN THE DALTONS RODE, with Randolph Scott and Kay Francis.

7:40 p.m. Vesper Services.

8:30 p.m. Lobby Musical Program, with the string ensemble of the SAN FRANCISCO MUSIC CLUB, Emma Rau, Director.

9:15 p.m. POPULAR SING, with Vera Frazier and Ed Rickman.

WEEK'S BEST: A human being is known by the company he keeps; a sergeant is known by the company he K.P.'s.

If You Have a Few Good Ideas—Do Not Hoard Them

The Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va., operates a suggestion system. Any envelope in any day's mail may be drama-drenched and thrill-freighted with a revolutionary suggestion which will speed victory.

The suggestion system is more than a year old. To date 11 per cent of the suggestions have been approved and put to use. More suggestions are wanted.

Civilians also are welcome to send suggestions. No useful idea is too small to report. Every idea is judged by competent critics. Every suggestion is copied and submitted to the critics without any indication of its source. Approval does not depend on rank or influence. The private and the brigadier are treated alike. Each suggestion wins in the American Way — solely on its own merits.

Army officers feel that this suggestion system will have a useful brains morale value. Each soldier will realize that he can think, and his thinking may be used. As the first

Letterman Still Has One Survivor in Boxing Tournament

Monday, night found two of the three Letterman first-nighters eliminated from the National A.A.U. amateur boxing tournament at the Civic Auditorium. Sole entry to keep Letterman's maroon and white colors in the ring was Chester Williams (160 lbs.) who got up off the floor in the third to deposit his opponent, Eddie Vallejo of the Navy, in the same prone position and to go on to win.

The bout which stole the show for the night was between Roger Campbell of Letterman and Joe Flowers, naval entry. Flowers won it in the second by a knock-out.

The first round was a humdinger and-kept the spectators on their feet as both boys threw leather from all angles, fast and furiously. Campbell connected with a hard right in this round which knocked Flowers' mouth piece out and had him in trouble momentarily.

In the second they started out again at the same fast pace with Flowers concentrating on Campbell's mid-section. A sizzling left caught Campbell flush on the jaw and dropped him for a nine count. He got to his feet but was absorbing too much punishment in a game effort to stay up and the referee stopped the bout.

John Serpa of Stockton rang up a quick first round K. O. over Arthur Judkins with a hard left over Judkins' heart to drop his for the count.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

In 1926 Congress authorized the Distinguished Flying Cross to be awarded members of the military forces, active or reserve, for extraordinary achievement or heroism while in flight, and made it applicable to acts during and after the World War.

The same decoration is never awarded twice to one person, but for each succeeding act which deserves a suitable device, such as a cluster of bronze oak leaves with army insignia, is worn on the ribbon of the decoration.

poster says, "Our enemies have brains, but the American soldier can top them all, in everything, if useful ideas reach the right people in time" Volume 2

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Miss Alt, Physical Therapy Head Aide, Is New 2nd Lieut.

Under the new Army regulations which permit physical therapy aides and dieticians to receive appointments to the relative rank of commissioned officers, Miss Margaret Alt, head of the Physical Therapy department of Letterman, now wears the gold bars of a Second Lieutenant.

Miss Alt's appointment came on March 16, one of the first under the new regulation.

Commissions, however, are nothing new in the Alt family. Captain G. J. Alt, now retired, was on duty with an infantry unit in the Canal Zone when Miss Alt was born. The town was Ancon, Panama.

The family returned to the United States when Miss Alt was still very young and her father was stationed in the State of Washington, first at Fort Lewis and later at Vancouver Barracks

She went through grade school and high school and one semester at Washington State College in Pullman before Captain Alt was transferred to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Miss Alt spent the next year and a half in study at the University of Hawaii, which she describes as one of the loveliest college campuses anywhere.

Then the Alts came home again. Her father was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, and she attended the State University in Athens, graduating in 1938 with a degree in physical education.

She immediately went to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., for a year's taining in physiotherapy.

Before coming to Letterman she filled department headships in civilian hospitals in Detroit, Michigan, and Lincoln, Nebraska.



MISS MARGARET ALT 2nd Lieut. Physical Therapy Department

talk about it. The physiotherapist's to restore the natural use of the limb main job, she explains, is to hasten Miss Alt likes her job and likes to and heat, the physiotherapist is able method.

The treatment, however, is not rethe return of injured men to duty. stricted to broken legs, she adds, A broken leg, for example, would be sprains, bruises, amputated limbs stiff and unbending if not treated and injuries of many sorts yield after setting. By the use of water themselves to treatment by this

Letterman Leather Slingers Still Have A Man in Finals

Monday night, March 29th saw thirty-six young amateurs square off in the semi-finals of the A.A.U. held at the Civic Center in San Francisco.

Realizing that defeat at this stage of the game would terminate their trip to the top the battlers fought exceptionally well in an effort to gain the nod from the judges. More skill and ring generalship was evident in the bouts than was seen during the earlier bouts-consequently there were fewer KO's.

Wearing the maroon of Letterman, was Pvt. Chester Williams, a member of the 717th Sanitary Company. Chester won his first fight rather handily by defeating Joe Flowers of Tiburon Naval Depot on Friday,

As his opponent for the semifinals. Chester drew one Sal Santi-, ago. From the onset. Williams showed that at last he had benefited by his previous ring encounters and made Santiago miss repeatedly.

The three round fight appeared even from the Letterman cheering section and it looked as though Chester possibly had the edge. The judges' decision, however, went to Santiago,

The fight was a difficult one to judge but it seemed that Chester's long right did more damage more often than Santiago's left job.

Chet brought no disgrace to the colors he wore with his defeat. He gave an excellent account of himself every minute in the ring and can feel proud of his efforts.

Pvt. Floyd Hunter, heavy-weight and Letterman's last entry in the tournament will meet the Navy fighter, Mayerstein, in the finals on Friday night. Hunter, a shifty, clever boxer meets a man with a dynamite right and it should be a good bout.

EDIE COMMANDED LETTERMAN DURING WORLD

Colonel Guy Lewis Edie, the seventh in succession among the commanding officers of Letterman General Hospital, held this command for a four-year period from 1914 to 1918

We are indebted to Brigadier General Jefferson R. Kean, U. S. Army, retired, for the following history of Colonel Edie's life.

Colonel Edie was born in Christainsburg, Virginia, January 18, 1858, and was the son of a physician. He received his academic education at Hampden Sidney College, which he entered at the age of 16 years, and from which he received the A.B. degree. His medical education was at the University of Virginia from where he obtained his M.D. in 1879. He wisely was not content with the theoretical and didactic instruction that this degree represented fifty years ago, but supplemented it with clinical work as an intern at the City Hospital and Maryland Maternity in Baltimore for somewhat over a year, when he was called home by the illness of his father whose practice he took up for a

In January 1882 he went to New York to continue his post graduate work, and became one of the staff at Randall's Island Hospital where he remained a year and a half. Then, in June 1883, he came before the Army Medical Examining Board and was approved for appointment when a vacancy in the Medical Department should occur. Meanwhile, as was the custom at that time, he accepted a contract as Acting Assistant Surgeon and joined at Fort McIntosh, Texas, on September 18, 1883, where he served for over two years. His commission as 1st Lieut. Assistant Surgeon was received and accepted February 18, 1884. At Christmas, 1885, he applied for Field Service and joined Troop K 8th Cav. at Fairview, N. M. in February, 1886, serving 8 months in the field. His next station was San Antonio where he remained until May 1888 when, on his own application, he accompanied the 8th Cavalry in a four months march from Texas to Dakota. Captain Edie had thereafter various stations in the northwest, and incidental field service which included the Pine Ridge campaign. He seems to have been put on the map, as it were, when Surgeon General in January 1899, but after a few Charles Sutherland, on January 12, months sailed for the Philippines and Japan, a famous junket which



GUY L. EDIE Col. U. S. Army Retired

to duty in New York City after more than eight consecutive years of duty west of the Mississippi River. He was to be the assistant to the Attending Surgeon Lt. Col. George M. Sternberg, who is referred to by the Surgeon General as "an eminent Sanitarian whose services are in constant requisition by the Federal authorities, and who was also the official consultant of the State and City authorities during the recent cholera quarantine". Thence in September he was brought to Washington as assistant to the Attending Surgeon, Major R. M. O'Reilly, and remained there until January, 1896. When relieved, he obtained four months leave of absence which he spent in laboratory work at John Hopkins Hospital. Then he went to San Francisco which, in alternation with Washington, were the stations at which most of his life was to be spent. After a year there we find him volunteering for duty in Alaska, from which he returned just in time to serve in the Spanish War at Chickamauga Park and Lexington, Ky., with volunteer troops. He became Acting Chief Surgeon of the I Army Corps, his rank being Brigade Surgeon of Volunteers, which rank he retained until it was vacated by his promotion to Major and Surgeon U. S. Army in February, 1901. He returned to San Francisco,

1893, recommended his assignment where he remained until February 1901. While in the Philippines he was President of the Board of Health of the Division, and in command of the Department Hospital at Manila. On return to the United States in 1901, Major Edie went to Columbus arracks, which was his station, until the end of 1904. He was then under orders to return to the Philippines when Surgeon General O'Reilly asked that his orders be changed so as to bring him to Washington as Attending Surgeon. Here he remained for six and a half years. During this period he made friends innumerable from the White House to the kitchens and nurseries of junior officers, and many interesting details came to him. In 1902 he was sent to Havana with recruits, and in 1903 he made a visit of inspection of the Isthmus of Panama under the orders of the Secretary of War to report with reference to suitable camp sites and sanitary conditions for troops. This report is short, clear and to the point and marked by the practical common sense which had come to be recognized as one of his notable characteristics. He twice afterward visited Panama, being ordered to accompany the Secretary of War there in 1909 and 1910.

> In 1905 he accompanied the Secretary of War, Mr. Taft, and a congressional party to the Philippines

lasted several months and filled many columns in the newspapers. When in 1911 tours of duty in Washington were limited by regulations to four years, the Secretary of War decided that exception should be made in the case of Lieut, Colonel Edie because he was the President's physician. Edie,, however, asked that no exception be made in his case, and he was accordingly sent to the Philippines. After his second tour of tropical service, 1911 to 1914, he was stationed at San Francisco in command of the Letterman Hospital and as Department and Corps Area Surgeon, and San Francisco remained his station until his retirement for age in 1922, with the exception of the year May 1918 to May 1919 when he served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. There he had the onerous and responsible position of Chief Surgeon of Base Section No. 5 at Brest. For his fine work there with very inadequate personnel and accommodations for the sick, he was given the Distinguished Service Medal, and, by the French, the Legion of Honor. The Commanding General at Brest, in recommending him for promotion to Brigadier General said:

"It would be impossible to fairly set forth, within the limits of such a communication as this, the many reasons why Colonel Edie is deserving of recognition. In a situation where difficulties mounted so high and advanced so swiftly that they seemed at times to be almost overwhelming he accomplished greatly. Despite the lack of medical personnel and the construction which he strove to secure, he never approached failure. Especially was he supremely successful during the epidemic of influenza-pneumonia which came to us on transports; for the service he then rendered the Army owes him more than it can ever pay. An officer of rich experience, mature judgment and keen initiative, he has earned much more than I now recommend be given to him."

All of the general officers under whom he served speak in nearly tre same words of him as Major General J. Franklin Bell who in an efficiency report says: "An able efficient, experienced surgeon. A successful, tactful administrator, possessing ability common sense and judgment."

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Y. M. C. A.

Presidio of San Francisco SATURDAY, APRIL 3:

10:15 p.m. SWIM for boys on the Post.

8:00 p.m. SATURDAY EVENING DANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 4:

6:00 p.m. Feature Movie — "SAINT PALM SPRINGS" George IN PALM SPRINGS" George Sanders, Wendy Barrie, Linda Hayes.

7:40 p.m. Vesper Services—Inspirational talk and special music

8:30 p.m. Lobby Musical Program,
Don Evans, Viola, Don
Edwards, violin, and vocal solos by Elma Hoitman
9:15 p.m. Popular Sing, with Vera

Frazier and Ed Rickman

MORE ABOUT

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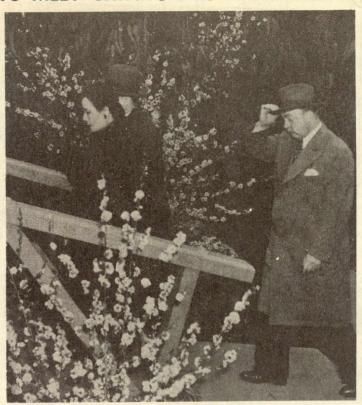
General Ireland said in a letter written to him at the time of his retirement:

"Your association with the Medical Department has covered a period of more than thirty-eight years and you have added to the prestige of the Corps every year. I know of no man in the Corps who has been more universcally loved as a physician and as a friend than you have been, and whose separation from the active list of the Army will be regretted more than yours. I am sure these facts will be a source of pleasure to you as the years go by."

General Ireland has with his habitual discrimination emphasized the qualities for which the "Professor," as his intimates were accustomed to call him, will be longest and most affectionately remembered. Edie had, as the French say, the defects of his qualities If, instead of his Virginian Love of the social contacts and the pleasant things of life, nature had endowed him with the hardness of purpose, the singleness of aim, and the driving industry which are the gifts of ambition, it may be that he might have acquired something more of the scanty honors and promotions which are accessible to the Medical Corps, but it is certain that he would have been less beloved, and probable that he would have been less happy in his life.

Colonel Edie died in San Francisco on April 8, 1930 and was interred in the National Cemetery in the Presidio of San Francisco.

SOLDIER REPORTER ONE OF GROUP TO MEET CHINA'S FIRST LADY



Through an avenue of apple blossoms and eucalyptus branches Madame Chiang Kai-Shek is escorted by government agents to San Francisco's welcoming throngs. This is the only photo taken from the Navy boat that brought the 'Missimo' and her entourage from the Oakland mole to San Francisco.

When Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and her company embarked on the Navy boat that carried the "Missimo" to crowds of admirers at Pier 14 in San Francisco, Sgt. Charles Teitel, editor of the "Golden Gate Guardian," camp newspaper of the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco, and his signal corps photographer, T-5 Daniel W. Broch, were also aboard.

During the twenty-five minute trip, Sergeant Teitel received a personal interview with the Madame, perhaps the first and only such news interview the Madame gave on the West Coast.

The first question Madame Chiang was asked was if the Chinese government is as much concerned about Army morale and the morale of the individual soldier as other governments are, and what is done to keep up a high esprit-de-corps through hospitality houses and other activities common wherever there are American soldiers.

"This is one respect where the American soldier and the Chinese soldier differ," China's First Lady answered. "Whereas most Occidental races depend on outside motivations to build up a soldier's spirit, the Chinese soldier takes with him into the field his flute, mandolin and songs. With these he entertains himself, thereby also keeping up his morale."

Graciously and with one of her delicate smiles, she added this comment as pertains to the fighting men of her country and the United States.

"The reason I believe there is a great understanding, not only between the Armies of China and the United States, but also between the civilian populations, is because the individual of each of our countries has something in common—a great sense of humor. Add a great sense of realism, and you know that our destinies are one."

How the Army newsman managed to step aboard ship with Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, Major General

Chu Shih-Ming, Military Attache from Washington, Governor Warren, Mayor Rossi, and other dignitaries was explained when Sgt. Teitel told this story:

"We missed getting Madame Chiang's picture as she emerged from the train at the Oakland mole, so we just trotted along with the entourage of cars hoping they would slow up enough for the photographer to get his shot.

"Before we knew it we had raced the entire length of the mole and onto the pier where the Navy boat was waiting. My photographer finally got the bead and shot, but his shutter stuck.

"Determined to get our picture, we stepped on board just after Govvernor Warren. Through fast talking and a bit of luck, the secret service men cleared us, but insisted that no photograph of the Madame be taken while on the boat.

"I was surprised to learn that Lt. Gen DeWitt, my photographer and I were the only Army men aboard. I was immensely impressed with Mrs. Joseph Stilwell and hope some day to meet her husband. When I first saw Madame Chiang, she was speaking to Mrs. Stilwell and like most women discussed their homes, family and even spoke of the weather.

"We got the shot we wanted of the Madame as she left the boat to walk through an avenue of apple blossoms and eucalyptus trees. A close-up of the "Missimo" reveals her to be striking, lovely and gracious. She is the most fascinating person I ever met."



MARY L. JASKEN
Chief Nurse (1st Lieut.)
A.N.S. who left this week
for her new station at McCord Field, Wash.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

The saw—" a penny saved is a penny earned"—applies today more than it has at anytime in the past—taxes to be met, bonds to be purchased. However when any man decides that it is worth it to go A.W.O. L. a few days, more or less, to "earn" that extra penny—it might be well to read the following story and then reconsider before he tries it.

"Smitty" is A.W.O.L.!!! It seems that he heard of a 10dollar a day job and took it. He planned to work five days, then to return to the Army, richer for the week. Here's how the plan turned out. First of all, Smitty was told by the guard detailed to bring him back to camp that his Army job was a full-time job, and the 50 dollars he made during his absence wouldn't seem like much after he was sentenced to the guard-house, and had to forfeit \$30 of his pay every month of the time he'd spend there. By the way, Soldier, Smitty got 6 months. And he's on a nonpay status while he's confined. Added to that, the guards travel expenses as well as his own were deducted from his pay.

In a way, he can consider himself lucky that he wasn't convicted of desertion. The allotment money his mother was getting would no longer have been received by her from the end of the month after conviction. He would have forfeited all pay and allowances due at the date of desertion, lose his citizenship and all the rights which go along with it. And he would have a tough time getting a job after the war. But worse than that, Smitty did something against the war effort. Something that multi- official leave of absence.



We extend a welcome to the newest addition to our staff at Letter-

General Hospital at Springfield, Missouri-Second Lieutenant HELEN S. BAYLOR, She was born in Richmond, Virginia, and attended school there, going into training at the John Marshall Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, where she graduated in 1938. She was Floor Supervisor there for a year, leaving to join the Army Nurse Corps. Her first assignment was Langley Field in Virginia; she remained there until October of 1941 when she was transferred to O'Reilly General Hospital. Lieutenant Baylor was stationed at O'Reilly until last week when she arrived here and began to make the acquaintance of Letterman Hospital and its staff.

The stay here of Chief Nurse RUTH E. TREGEA was a short one. She was on transport service prior to her assignment at Letterman last month. Lieutenant Tregea left for the Army Medical Center at Washington, D. C., on March 28th.

Second Lieutenant CLARA M. DULEY came to Letterman from Fort Douglas, Utah, in July of 1942. Last week Lieutenant Duley received orders to report to Camp White in Oregon.

First Lieutenant MARY L. JAS-KEN, Chief Nurse, left for McCord Field in Washington-her new assignment. Lieutenant Jasken had been stationed at Letterman since July of 1942. Last February she was promoted from First Lieutenant to Second Lieutenant, at which time she was head nurse on Ward L-1. We hope to hear how she is getting along before long.

plied a million times could mean defeat-defeat of all the things that made life worth living-for Smitty.

Don't say that it can't happen at this post! It can and has and the punishment for AB-SENCE WITHOUT LEAVE at this post is just as severe as at any post in the Army.

Don't be a Smitty. Think twice before you plan that un-



One of our dental technicians plucking her eye brows as she sat by the fountain in the patio. Pleasant pastime for the noon hour-and a good audience in the distance.

Pvt. Trinidad Montoyo and Pvt. Kenneth Collier guests of the AWVS at the "Celebrities Luncheon" on Thursday.

Lieut. Mary E. Dreyer back from a post in the middle west on a brief leave of absence and taking time to come out to Letterman for a chat with her old friends.

Lieut. Thelma Cole making rapid strides toward recovery from her recent siege of illness and moving on to Fitzsimons for her convales-

Tech. Sgt. Youmans growing more round-shouldered and getting closer to more test tubes every day in the week.

Lieut. Ressa Jenkins signed up to speak to the Marinship employees on War Bonds next Tuesday.

Tech. Sgt. Strickland, the village postmaster, trying to explain why the last mail leaves here at 2:30 in the afternoon. Puts us back where they have but one train a day out of town. . . .

Miss Frances Wilson, declining to have her photo taken. Saying she did not "like the idea" and besides she "had a cold" but no running nose?

Moving Pictures

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6 and 7:

PRIDE OF THE YANKEES-Gary Cooper and Theresa Wright.

Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9:

MRS. MINIVER-Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon.

Also Short Subjects.

Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11:

SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES -John Payne and Betty Grable. Also Short Subjects.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, April 4, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Mass daily except Sunday, 4:30

Confessions before all Masses. Benedction - Wednesday-after

Stations-Friday, 4:10 p. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Thomas Claiborne, a son, Thomas Edward Claiborne, Jr., born March 26, weight six pounds, fifteen ounces.

To Private and Mrs. Edwin Houska, a son, Tussell Edwin Houska, born March 26, weight nine pounds, one ounce.

To Captain and Mrs. Lawrence Mullally, a daughter, Laurie Gene Mullally, born March 26, weight seven pounds, eleven ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. Walter Smith, a daughter, Tracey Williamson Smith, born March 27, weight eight pounds, two ounces. . . .

To Technician Fourth-Grade and Mrs. Harold Dugay, a daughter, Phyllis Jean Dugay, born March 29, weight seven pounds, twelve ounces.



GERSON CHANIN

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MRS. HELENE DIEZ Record Department Head

To the Army boys who know her and love her she is "Ma." She has three children of her own, and several thousand by adoption, including the Medical Detachment personnel and many patients who have come to know her.

For Mrs. Helene Diez, head of the 201-File Record Room, has made as many friends as there are officers, enlisted men, civilian workers and patients at Letterman.

Before the new Salvage Department relieved her of the task, Mrs. Diez was a sort of unofficial salvage department of her own. The number of buttons she has sewed on, and of tears, rips and tatters she has mended are countless. No enlisted man ever lacked a properly-sewed uniform if Mrs. Diez could help it, and she always could.

Mrs. Diez is a native San Franciscan and Irish. But very Irish. "I was born in San Francisco," she says, and I'm proud of it." "I was born south of Market, and I'm proud of that too."

Letterman pranksters enjoyed their biggest laugh at her expense on St. Patrick's Day last year when they affixed an orange colored paper Shamrock to her back. They tried it again this year, but aparently an Irishman, like an elephant, doesn't lorget, for they didn't succeed this

One of the really big thrills of her life took place last week when she was present at the ordination of her on, John, into the Roman Catholic priesthood.

"That's the only really historic thing in the story of my life," she says. But people who have had the privilege of knowing this charming lady will probably think that there are a lot of others too.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS.

Serve in Silence

TATTOOING—A LOST ART—NOW TRYING TO STAGE A COMEBACK

NEW YORK, March 15-The eld | skin game ain't what it used to be, Bill Stern, NBC Sports Director, announced today in an exclusive interview with the Fog Horn. He was referring, of course, to the fall and decline of tattooing among the men in the armed forces.

'Times sure do change," says Stern. "My friends in the Army and Navy tell me in no uncertain terms that tattooing, once regarded with esteem, is now looked upon as a boring and unimaginative sport."

During World War I, the NBC sports authority declared, a goodly number of men in the service thought it lots of fun, when away from their posts, to visit the local tattooing parlors and have the skin artists decorate their chests and arms with anchors, flying eagles, snakes or regimental insignia. The more sentimental ones had the Michaelangelos of the electric tattoo needle trace out the names of their latest sweethearts on hairy chests, Stern observed.

"But it's different now," Stern said. "Our men spend their free time more profitably and certainly, in less painful recreational pursuits. It's true that here and there you'll find a playfully-minded lad who seeks the touch of the tattoo needle, but you can take my word for ithe's the exception to the rule."

Stern said that at one time nearly sixty per cent of the enlisted personnel possessed a decorative piece of art. Most of this art, he added, was obtained on Sands Street, a narrow lane in Brooklyn, and rated by devotees as the Capital of the rapidly-declining tattooing world. High officials in the Navy, according to Stern, declare that a mere two or three per cent of the recently enlisted men indulge in this oldfashioned diversion.

The blow to tattooing meant that the majority of tattoo artists were forced to depart from Sands Street. They took with them their celluloid stencils, flamboyant window displays, and needles and traipsed to other ports in an effort to drum up business. Several are trying to make a bare living in Manhattan, Baltimore, San Diego, Montreal and one or two other cities.

The few servicemen being tattooed today go in for initials, military numbers, and other identification, brother, run like a scared rabbit! said Stern. They have no desire to UXB stands for unexploded bomb.

emulate their brothers of yore who went in for elaborate artistic projects such as the Boxer Rebellion or a fox hunt requiring hundreds of de-

Veterans of previous wars recall with fondness the craftsmanship of such topflight artists of the electric needle as Lew Alberts who always approached his task with the tenacity of a Robin sculpturing a work of art; Sailor Phil, Jim Wilson, and Billy Donnelly, the wizened Englishman-all proud, accomplished tattoo

Oldtimers also speak of Mildred of the Bowery who billed herself as "The only woman tattoo artist in New York" and the proud possessor of \$800 worth of tattooing on her stalwart frame.

Mildred, according to her own words, sported "snakes in a battle royal on my right leg; Madonnas on my insteps, the American eagle below my neck and 14 angels on my back."

Mildred never stood for rough stuff in her establishment. When several of the boys began to go in for high jinks in her tattooing parlor she quickly put up such signs as "Don't Hang Around, You're Not a Banana" and "Don't Be a Wise Guy Like an Alligator, All Mouth and No Head." These admonitions were effective, according to Mildred.

Coney Island, cradle of American carnival, is also taking it on the chin on the tattoo front, said Stern. Visitors to the strand prefer the "transient tattoo" to the more permanent one, it seems. Tempestuous lovers have discovered that by merely placing strips of court plaster in the shape of letters on their thighs or forearms, and permitting Old Sol to do the rest, they can provide themselves with a painless decoration guaranteed to last almost as long as their current infatuation.

Women, particularly, are experimenting with this "transient tattoo", embellishing their fair bodies with the initials of their lovers now battling in Africa or the Solomons.

And professional tattooers can do nothing about it, except to shake their fists at the sun and long for the good old days.

A LIVE NOTE

When you see the sign, UXB-

BUCK OF THE WEEK



PVT. ERIK D. FLAMER

"My home is in Long Beach, California, but I won't tell you where I was born," says Pvt. Erik D. Flamer. And it takes about five minutes of talking to discover that his birthplace was Terminal Island, home of Southern California's newest federal

"There wasn't any prison there then," Flamer says, "it was just a pretty little island with a lumber mill and a hospital, my mother ran the hospital."

Flamer went through grade school, high school and one year of junior college in Long Beach. At college he majored in something called Speech and Leadership which he finds a little bit difficult to define.

He went to college at night, working days as a cabinet maker and later as a clothing salesman.

Flamer isn't superstitious about Friday the 13th, because it was Saturday the 13th that got him. On that day this year the peaceful routine of his civilian existance came to an end and he went to Fort McArthur for induction into the Army.

January 20th he came to Letterman. He is at present a ward worker in F-2, but has been in about five others during the past three months.

Photography and archery are Flamer's hobbies, but has little time for them now. He is modest about them, however, and says that he never was a very good photographer. Hunting with the bow and arrow was the most fun of anything, he claims, but he's practically the most honest hunter going because he actually admits that he never shot anything.

Soldiers of the U.S. Air Force stationed in England are allowed to buy seven packs of smokes and two candy bars a week at their PX's. Prices are low, sometimes less than on this side

MEDICAL DETACH

Success to the following men who were discharged during the week for the convenience of the government. They are: Pvts. Arthur H. Milz, W. Remarchyh, Harry J. Belgrade and Esteban M. Francisco.

Congratulations are in order for the following men appointed Privates First-Class: Rene C. Iacomini, Osee L. Montgomery, James A. Perani.

A welcome is extended the following men who joined the detachment during the week: Harry P. Couts, Hugh C. Ashley, Sol. Barough, John E. Brunt, Wm. C. Cullens, George E. Levene, Jr., Cruz F. Sandoval, Conrad M. Vineyard, Francis S. Hunt, Jack H. Meals, Floyd H. Tilton, Robert E. Wilson, Robert V. Jacobs, Robert E. Montgomery, Tony A. Triplo, Ronald B. Andree, Henry Biagini, Leonard B. Hollingsworth, Joseph B. Martin, Presper J. Skill, Van Stricklin, Norbert L. Mathews, Wm. P. Spremich, Karl A. Tate, Efton R. Richardson, Jack D. Stewart, William R. Woods.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pvts. Frank B. Rawlins and Paul Wayne trying to auction off a lamp in the barracks at 3:00 in the morning.

Pvt. Dalton E. Poff talking himself into the idea of a furlough in Cherry Creek.

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein boxing his own shadow after seing the A.A. U. Tournament.

T/5th Gr. Paul Benkert basking in the California sunshine trying to acquire a tan but sunburning instead.

S/Sgt. Charles Wilcox explaining to T/Sgt. Vaughn Yoeman how bowling helped him keep a perfect physique.

Wonder why Pvt. Urban Louis is in such a hurry to go to town on his nights off?

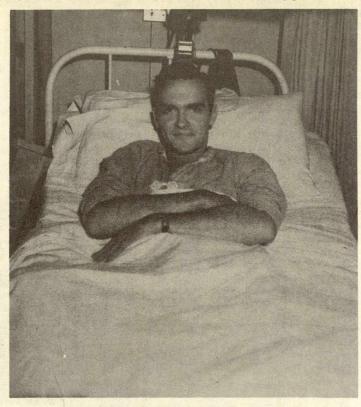
Sgt. Ross Morey working up more of a sweat than most of the boxers at the Civic Auditorium and Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West, manager of the boxers suffering more from anxiety than the fighters from blows.

Sgt. Buford Folsom out of the hospital after a recent operation and back in the work harness again.

S/Sgt. Chauncey Young getting lost over in the Photo Lab building every time he goes in.

Serve in Silence

FLETCHER FAVORS FUZZY WUZZIES AS FINE FELLOWS AND FEARLESS



LAWRENCE M. FLETCHER Corporal Unassigned, Infantry

The first faint rays of dawn were just beginning to color the eastern sky. Sentrys glanced casually up when they heard the motors and saw the black silhouette of a lone plane, an American plane, they thought. Then all hell broke loose.

The single Jap raider released his five bombs and scooted safely for home. When the wreckage was cleared, three American soldiers were found to be dead and three injured.

One of the injured victims of this miniature Pearl Harbor is a patient in Ward D-1 today. His name is Corporal Lawrence M. Fletcher.

It all happened at an American supply base just outside Port Moresby, New Guinea on a November morning last year. Fletcher, like the others, was asleep at the time. Schrapnel tore his left leg nearly in two at the knee, necessitating an amputation.

After three months in an American hospital in Brisbane, Australia, he was evacuated and arrived at Letterman on February 24.

As part of a regimental supply ingston, unit, Fletcher was engaged in packing supplys to be flown over the 21, 1942.

Owen Stanley Mountains to American troops battling toward Buna and Gona.

There were no air fields beyond the range in the early days of the fight, Fletcher says, and everything had to be parachuted down to the troops. Some equipment was sent by natives too.

Fletcher has nothing but praise for the squat black New Guinea natives. "Without them," he says, "I don't see how we would have accomplished our mission." Dubbed "fuzzy-wuzzys" be the Americans, the little men packed supplies, carried wounded soldiers and performed countless other tasks to assist the U. S. and Australian troops and to defeat the hated Japs.

Fletcher is a native of Columbus, Ohio, and was working as a clerk for an automobile concern when he enlisted in June, 1941. "My draft number was due three months later," he says, "and I decided to get in first."

He saw service with the Infantry at Camp Wolters, Texas, Camp Livingston, La., and Fort Devans, Mass., before being sent across on April 21, 1942.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

"Beds to the right of me, beds to the left of me, and beds are even below me," wailed one student, as he was graphically describing the new barracks arrangement to a friend this week. Sunday was set aside for the job of arranging beds, with everyone rolling up his sleeves—and, in the case of the Permanent Detachment, moving from their secluded "den" in T-42 to the more or less public T-48 lower. And THAT, obviously, makes us wonder who will keep who awake Students vs. Detachment.

Letters continue to dribble back from former Detachment members and this week brought an epistle from Officer Candidate Carlson, who just a few months ago was enlisted head of the Surgical School and is at present studying for his commission in the Engineers. Seems he is upholding the traditions of the Detachment and after struggling for these three long months will receive his bars shortly. He sends his best wishes and greetings to his friends.

CAMPUS SHOTS . . . Cpl. Henry O. Pezzella still receiving those letters chuck full of sweet nothings from a Sergeant-a WAAC . . . The Non Coms dashing to their barracks in an attempt to make themselves resplendent in their fatigues for the daily drill period . . . And the Star of Service and Supply replacing the Ninth Service Command shoulder patch . . . Something new has been added . . . For some reason S/Sgt. Hervin wants his name to appear in this column, Happy now, Jason???? Incidentally, why does T/4th Gr. Halliwell's face turn scarlet when reminded of a certain meeting with an officer's family??? . . . Suggested Entertainment . . . Ed Wynn's new show full of fun and frolic, not to mention those luscious Girls." To turn literary for a change . . . may we suggest an interesting article for service men still interested in the higher educational systems of the U.S. and their plight at this particular period, should put "Education in Uniform," in the February Harpers on their must list . . . And the place to study is the school library, hours daily from 6 to 10:45, Sundays from 2-5 and 6-10:45.

O. M. NEWS



Many are attending San Francisco's Golden Gate Theatre to see Horace Heidt and his orchestra, who are currently starring in the stage review, and to see how the orchestra's famous Frankie Carle makes his piano talk. Not so long ago, Mr. Carle was a schoolmate of Property Sgt. Philip "Pat" Passarelli. "Pat" and Frankie held a reunion backstage between shows last Sunday, and talked over old times, recalling the days when "Pat" called Frankie a "sissy" because he had to take his daily after-school piano lesson. Sunday "Pat" humbly apologized to Frankie and said, "At least, I can say I knew you when."

2nd Lt. Kenneth L. Pieper, former Chief of Salvage & Reclamation, journeyed to the Southland, March 29, for duty with the Quartermaster Corps in a newly erected army hospital in Pasadena, California. Lt. Pieper came to Letterman in April, 1942, from Fort Crook, Nebraska, and has shown us that he knows everything there is to know about QM detail. He will be greatly missed by those who have worked with him.

Twas heard that M/Sgt. Charles Mehr posted a sign in the Commissary reading, "FOUND-\$5.00-WILL THE OWNER PLEASE LINE UP AT THE DOOR OF THE MAIN OF-FICE?"

We are proud to say that, of the 36 QM boys who fired for record at the rifle range, four attained the Sharpshooter title, and 27 qualified as marksmen. Those who will receive Sharpshooter medals are: M/Sgt. Charles F. Brechtel, T/Sgt. James F. Larney, Pvt. Albert J. Giovannetti, and Pvt. Lynn L. Thomas.

POST POPS CORN

A popcorn factory will be built at Camp Stoneman, Calif., to supply the huge demand of the khakimen; in two months 10 tons of popcorn was consumed. The factory will be built in one of the theaters and the "corn" dispensed in airtight, dustproof containers.

THE MAN IN OUR MOVIE PROJECTION **BOOTH COMES OUT FOR OUR READERS**



CHAUNCEY D. YOUNG Staff Sergeant, Medical Corps

No, the picture herewith is not of a sharper demonstrating a card trick. In fact, Staff Sergeant Chauncy D. Young says there is really no trick involved in acquiring ownership to nine War Bonds such as he holds. All you have to do is lay the cash on the line for nine months in a row, as he did, and they're

Sgt. Young is the man in charge of the Letterman radio room. It is his job to pick the programs which some 1300 patients listen to daily, to care for the radio equipment and distribute the Hushatones to pa-

Then at night he operates the motion picture projection equipment at the Recreation Center theatre, putting on two shows nightly. In between he runs the "robot bugler" as he calls it, a juke box with all military bugle calls on records.

On May 22 of this year, Sgt. Young will celebrate his 9th continuous year of service at Letterman, but came to Letterman and has been boys.

his military record goes back a lot further than that.

Born at Moline, Ill., in 1897, he worked as an electrician for the John Deere Company of that city before joining the cavalry in 1918. He spent his time during the First World War at Camp Stanley, Texas and moved to Camp Grant, Ill., in 1919 with the Motor Transport Corps.

He went back to the cavalry again in 1922 at Fort Riley, Kansas, remaining until 1925.

At the end of that enlistment he decided he'd like to try walking awhile and joined the 15th Infantry, spending two years in foreign duty in China.

The year 1930 found him back in the United States and at Alcatraz. It wasn't really as bad as it sounds, however, for the island served as a military prison at the time and Sgt. Young was with a Military Police Detachment there.

When that enlistment ran out he

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Corporal Ira Q. Beasley whose mother passed away March 30, 1943. . . .

Hats off to our mess department. Every man in the company has gained from five to ten pounds since entering the Army. S/Sgt Harold C. Richmond and his staff of six cooks and helpers have done a good job in taking care of the inner man.

Many good things come to those who wait. Corporals Dan Bell, Robert Harrison and Ira Q. Beasley are living witnesses to the truth of that statement. Both are just back from well-deserved furloughs.

The 717th bade farewell to a soldier and a friend when S/Sgt. Tom Orange left to join a new group of soldiers. The 717th welcomes a newcomer in the person of 1st Sgt. George D. Austin. Sgt. Austin has spent thirteen years in the Service.

With cupid shooting arrows in all directions, the 717th was not overlooked. Wedding bells will soon ring for Pvt. George Redix. His buddies wish him clear sailing.

The company PX, a popular spot, is proving to be a strong competitor of city attractions under the capable handling of Pvts. Marvin B. Perry and Alfred Pickens. More power to them.

PUNS AND FUN: Three 717th soldiers who could qualify for the mile-Pvts. Jos. Littles, Elizah Smith and Precious J. Jackson-stepping the mile in nothing flat after meeting Bed Checker Pvt. Jimmie T. Savage. At the stroke of 12:00 midnight-Penalty: K.P. duty if caught out of bed.

here since, and has spent all but one year as operator of the radio room.

He doesn't know how long it will last, however. At the rate patients ruin the virtually unreplaceable Hushatones, he figures he's likely to be out of a job any year now.

By way of added information, Young is married and the father of two quite sizeable youngsters, both



ORIL S. HARBAUGH Lieut. Colonel, Med. Corps Who left this week for his new station, McCaw General Hospital at Walla Walla, Washington.

Sports Slants From Other Camps

Lt. Banks McFadden, former All-America football player at Clemson and later with the Brooklyn Dodgers pro team, is Special Service officer at an ad-vanced Allied air base in North

Cavalry officers at Ft. Riley, Kan., include Pete Bostwick, Louis Stoddard, and Charley Von Stade, all well-known polo players, who knew their hosses 'way before they ever entered the

Bob Carpenter, pitcher with the Giants last season, will open the season April 12 for Camp Grant,

The fading basketball season finds Ervin Dusek, former Cards' outfielder, dropping in 12 points in Ft. Sheridan, Ill., camp game

Batting power was added to the baseball nine at McClellan Field, Cal. when two big league players, Walter Judnich, slugging out-fielder for the St. Louis Browns and Dario Lodigiani, Chicago White Sox second baseman, were assigned to the field.

Capt. Robert Faurot, former Big Six Conference football star and brother of Missouri Coach Don Faurot, is missing in action in the South Pacific. He has been in the Army Air Force three years and was decorated twice, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Silver Star.

Clint Frank, Yale backfield immortal, is an aid to Maj. Gen. James (Jímmy) Doolittle with the U.S. Air Forces in Africa.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

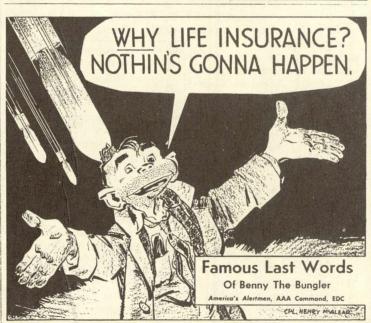
Reviewing our progress in the current War Bond drive. we find that in the past month this organization has made but slight progress. True, we have not lost ground in our trek toward our goal, the "E" flag, but we have lost time. We cannot fly this coveted pennant until our record show that 90 per cent of the members of this establishment are investing 10 per cent of their total pay in War Bonds. At present, we are within sight of our goal, but we do need help in getting over the top. If you are not buying Bonds through payroll deduction, sign up now for at least 10 per cent of your pay. Those of you who have subscribed, but are not investing 10 per cent of your pay, can help by increasing your deduction to the required amount. In most cases, this means an increase of only a few dollars per month.

The following new members of this organization have added their names to the Honor Roll of bond subscribers:

Beulah E. Werdick Barbara Stimpson May B. Bruno Ruth M. Chastain Juanita B. Tucker Doris M. Turner Robert C. Madsen Albert V. Bellingham Anne L. Addison

Ruby A. C. Smith Edith T. Sutherland Carolyn J. Blumenthal Daisy Breyfogle Carmen B. Grimm Janie Anderson Juanita Bartlett Adella M. Thomas Marilyn A. Reeves

Ardith E. Kuhnley





Always keep the safety lock on when your weapon is loaded and you are not firing. If you don't, you may accidentally catch the trigger and shoot yourself or a comrade.

Life Savers

Guarding Military Information Military subjects and operations never should be discussed in the

presence or hearing of any stranger. The stranger may be a friend or an agent of the enemy.

Be careful not to reveal even the most insignificant matters to strangers. By piecing such information together with that obtained elsewhere, the enemy may learn something of the greatest importance.

Protect your life, the lives of others, and valuable property and equipment by always observing strictly all orders concerning the secrecy of messages.

Never discuss secret or confidential matters over a public telephone. The operator may be an enemy agent or you may be overheard.

Before leaving any assigned quarters in a theater of operations be sure that you have not left papers, letters, equipment or anything else which would give important information to the

If your unit is moving, be extremely careful that nothing you say or write during the movement will reveal your organization or its destination.

Before stacking arms, ranks are opened.

Magazine Maps Serve as Charts for Escapees

Washington (CNS) - National Geographic magazine maps have served as navigation charts twice when the chance to escape came to men trapped on Jap-conquered islands.

Last Spring a group of British sailors escaped from Java to Freemantle, Australia, in a small sailing vessel. It was not until the boat was several hours at sea that it was discovered there were no charts. An old copy of the magazine with a world map in it was found on board and served for the navigation of the 2000-mile trip.

Earlier two American officers began a 159-day voyage in a small boat with nothing but magazine maps and a compass. They suc-ceeded in getting through to Australia despite enemy patrols.



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GENERAL WEED IS DECORATED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

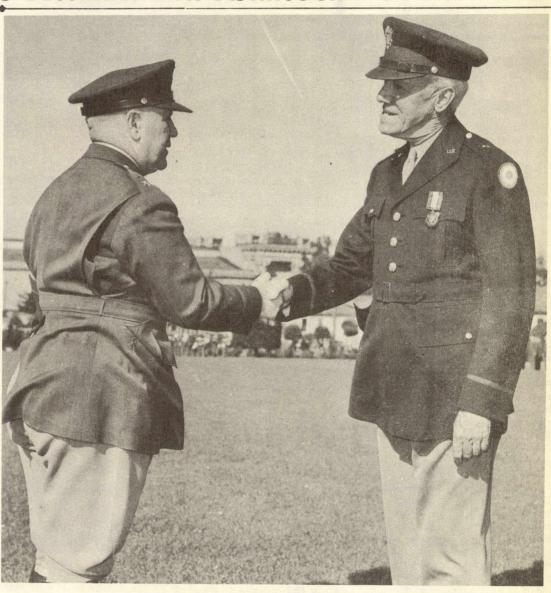
The Oak Leaf Cluster, given in lieu of a second Distinguished Service Cross, was presented to Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital in an impressive ceremony last Tuesday afternoon. Major General Frederick Gilbreath, Commanding General of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, presented the decoration.

Colonel Carl F. McKinney, G.S.C., read the citation which lauded General Weed for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in positions of great responsibility.

The ceremony took place on the Letterman parade ground east of the main hospital, with the officers and nurses of the hospital assembled to honor the General, in addition to five companies of enlisted men.

The companies, representing the Medical Detachment, the School and the 717th Sanitary Corps, stood at attention while General Gilbreath made the presentation. The battalion was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel George C. Shivers of the Enlisted Technicians School.

Music for the occasion was provided by the band from Fort Mason. General Weed was presented with the Distinguished Service Cross in 1923 for his services in the Medical Department during the period of the First World War.



GENERAL WEED

Receiving the congratulations of Major General Frederick Gilbreath after the latter had made the award of the Oak Leaf Cluster for

Distinguished Service to the Letterman Commanding General.

VISIT OF MRS. ROOSEVELT AN INSPIRATION TO ALL PATIENTS

Paying her second visit to Letterman General Hospital within six months, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the Land, was the very gracious caller at this hospital on Wednesday morning, last.

The time available on her heavy schedule did not permit Mrs. Roosevelt to talk in person with every one of our patients but she did manage to speak to very many of those who had been wounded in action on the battle fronts of the Southwest Pacific.

Mrs. Roosevelt arrived at the hospital shortly after 10 o'clock, escorted by Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding General of Letterman. She was met at the main entrance by Colonel Clemens W. McMillan, Executive Officer, and Lieutenant Colonel Russell H. Patterson, Chief of the Surgical Service, and then proceeded to Ward J. Dunne. He was wounded at Guadalcanal and has been a patient here for the past three months.

Mrs. Roosevelt next went to Ward B-1 where she had an individual visit with every patient on the Ward. She took the time to say something appropriate about the home town or the organization of each of the patients and disclosed an intimate knowledge of all sections of this vast country. After she had greeted Lieutenant Walter Snowden Smith. who was wounded at Hickham Field on December 7, 1941, someone whispered to her that the Lieutenant had recently become a proud daddy; so Mrs. Roosevelt very kindly inquired after the health of Mother and Babe and wished them all well. During the visit to Ward B-1, Major Joseph S. McGuinness presented the patients and explained the nature of their wounds

The next stop on her itinerary was Ward D-1 where Mrs. Roosevelt very graciously repeated the custom of having an individual word for the patients.

At the bedside of Private Elton Haley, Mrs. Roosevelt paused also to talk to Miss Mary Roddy, the social service worker assigned to that particular Ward, who was in a position to give interesting facts concerning the patients which were not part of their medical records. The oldest patient, in point of hospital life, Private First-Class Howard King and the more recent arrivals, Sergeant Glenn W. Rott, Sergeant Henry Monroe and Corporal Laverne



MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Arriving at Letterman, escorted by General Weed, for a visit to the wounded men returned from overseas.



OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Leaving the Malaria clinic after an inspection of the newest facilities for treatment of that malady. L to R—Colonel Russell H. Patterson, Chief of the Surgical Service, Mrs. Roosevelt, and Brig. Gen. Frank W. Weed, commanding general of Letterman Hospital.

Schleich, all talked with Mrs. Roosevelt at length. It was Captain Willard Calden, the Ward Officer, who introduced the patients in turn and gave further information on the nature of their founds.

The same procedure was followed on Ward 2, where the ambulant patients sat by their bedsides for the usual individual greeting from the First Lady. In this Ward there were two patients who were not war casualties but were hospitalized as the result of football injuries. In speaking to one of these patients, Mrs. Roosevelt marked that as the mother of four boys she was well acquainted with injuries incident to that great American game and her sympathetic interest went out for men who were injured in that manner.

The final stop on the Surgical Side was made with a brief visit to Joseph H. Topping, wounded veteran of Guadalcanal. Photographs were taken and Private Topping will have another interesting souvenir of his stay in Letterman. The First Lady, accompanied by General Weed, next went to Ward M-2 where Lieutenant Kennedy explained the latest method of treating malaria victims. Mrs. Roosevelt was very much interested and asked many questions which indicated her familiarity with what was being done along that particular line. With a word of cheer to each of the two patients who were undergoing treatments, and then a brief conversation with another staging a remarkable recovery, the gracious wife of our President said a cheery au revoir and left the Ward.

General Weed, who had escorted Mrs. Roosevelt to the hospital and accompanied her on the entire visitation of the patients, again escorted her back to her hotel in San Francisco where she was destined to immediately take on another engagement on behalf of the war effort.

All who had the good fortune to have a cordial greeting from Mrs. Roosevelt were charmed by her warm personality and inspired by her energy. They believe that she performed a very definite service to each and every one by her visit to Letterman on that day.

Pvt. Virgil I. Payton, QM Detachment, Fort Bliss, Tex., receives an average of 40 letters a week. Envious barracks mates claim he writes fifteen girls a week.

Soldiers No Longer **Encouraged To Be Active Politicians**

WASHINGTON, April 6. - The army has clamped down on political campaigns by soldiers. War Department officials disclosed today.

A new policy extending previous rulings on the subject establishes the following points as a part of army regulations:

No member of the army on active duty may become a candidate, or even accept election, to any public office unless he held that office when he entered active duty.

Even to become a candidate for re-election, or to accept re-election, a member of the army must have prior approval of the War Department, which will be granted only "in cases of material hardship" and if the individual's commanding officer believes his occupancy of public office will not interfere with his military duties. No leave of absence will be authorized for a campaign.

Army officers and enlisted men, whether on actual duty status or on leave of absence, are forbidden to act as soldiers in the performance



Pvt. JOSEPH H. TOPPING

Wounded at Guadalcanal, listening to Mrs. Roosevelt give him a word of cheer, as General Weed, Colonel Patterson, and the Post Chaplain look on.

honorably discharged from the milifor which he was elected.

No one in the military service may

ual who holds public office may be in a campaign or in campaign management. The new regulations were tary service to take up the duties dated February 25, but were disclosed only today.

Up to the present time, however, use his official position to interfere there has been no movement to put with an election or affect its result; up the bars for "guard-house lawsoldiers retain the right to vote and yers" whose practice is flourishing



GENERAL WEED

Receiving the felicitations of the nurses of incidental to the award of the Oak Leaf the Letterman staff after the ceremonies

News From Your Own Home Town

Albany, N. Y. (CNS) — Gov. Thomas E. Dewey heard that Newbold Morris, president of the City Council in New York City, had offered his services as a farm hand. The Governor sent him the following telegram: "I have inquired of my farmer whether he can use an additional hand. He gratefully accepts the offer. Fiftytwo cows will be waiting for the President of the City Council every morning at 4:30 o'clock. The food is good and the exercise is wonderful."

Atlanta, Ga. (CNS)—G. H. Shippen traveled all the way from Washington to shave his wife's hair with barber clippers so she wouldn't be attractive to "any other man."

El Paso, Tex. (CNS) — Two plump sheep were grazing near a railroad line when along came a hungry section gang. Mutton was the main course of the dinner ac-cording to the district attorney who said the laborers converted the sheep to meat.

Galveston, Tex. (CNS)—Apparently in order to beat horse food rationing a horse went swimming in the Bay and paddled from one reef to another feeding on salt water grass. He was coaxed aboard a barge and later claimed by his

Hartford, Conn. (CNS) — Mrs. Robert F. Stoetzner became a grandmother and a great-grandmother all in one day when her daughter and her granddaughterin-law each bore baby girls.

Hollywood (CNS)—Mrs. Maurice Kosloff was sitting in the lobby of a hotel when her husband walked up to the desk and registered with another woman as "Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kos-loff," The first Mrs. Kosloff sued and won a divorce.

Kansas City, Mo. (CNS)—Ten-year-old Jack Kay started for the movies but found he had forgotten his money. He persuaded the bus driver to "extend credit" and convinced the theater manager he should be allowed to tend the popcorn machine. He earned 50¢, paid 20¢ theater admission and two 10¢ bus fares. Profit: 10¢.

Kearny, N. J. (CNS)-Three speeders were convicted and offered the chance of paying part of their fines in war bonds. They accepted.

Little Ferry, N. J. (CNS)—Fred Havecker administered first aid to a blackbird with a broken wing, a badly bruised dog and a frog with an injured leg. He is a Red Cross first aid instructor.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

It is not often that an officer or enlisted man enjoys the satisfaction of achieving official recognition for outstanding performance of duties in two world wars but that honor came to our Commanding General this week when the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Brigadier General Frank W. Weed.

The first World War was not very far advanced when General Weed first attracted the attention of superior officers by the high quality of his work and that standard was maintained even after the close of hostilities when the task of evacuating the sick and wounded from overseas installations remained to be done. The wording of the citation accompanying the award of the Distinguished Service Medal in World War I plainly indicates he was on the job from the beginning to the end.

As World War II came galloping along there was much to be done in a short time and a quickening pace after the war was here. Again General Weed demonstrated his outstanding ability as a doctor, administrator, and executive in the arduous tasks which fell to him as the Surgeon of the First Army and Eastern Defense Command. And again his high performance of duty merited recognition by his superiors and official designation of his distinguished service was made a matter of permanent record.

General Weed has reason to be proud of his achievements and the staff of Letterman is



Just back from overseas duty, and eager to return, Patricia B. Feehan is making herself at home here. She was born in Castle Shannon, Pa. and went to high school at St. Francis' Academy in Wakesfield, N. Y., after which she attended the University of Pittsburgh for a year. She then went into nurses' training at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., graduating in 1939. Miss Feehan then sought the advantages of higher education at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh-majoring in science-until January of 1942 when she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps at Fort Meade in Maryland. Soon thereafter Lieutenant Feehan went on foreign duty somewhere in the vast Pacific until this month when we find her at Letterman awaiting further orders.

The staff welcomes a member of the Army Nurse Corps who arrived here last week on her first assignment. Second Lieutenant Althea Rawlins was born and reared in Lewiston, Utah. After graduating from North Cache High School in Richmond, Utah, she went into training at the William Budge Memorial Hospital in Logan, where she finished in August of 1942. She then did general duty at the Latter Day Saints Hospital in Salt Lake City until this month when she signed up with the Army Nurse Corps. Lieutenant Rawlins enjoys ice skating, bowling and tennis and, we imagine, would be excellent company for devotees of these sports.

Off on ten days' leave are two fortunate members of our staff-Lieutenant Hazel F. Benner and Mary A. Crean-while another gazes wistfully after them waiting for her turn, the happy anticipator being Army's No. 1 Boss Lydia Gutiahr.

THEY NEVER REST

At least 600 ships of the British Navy are at sea at any given moment.

proud to be serving under his command.

For our personnel we say: Congratulations.



Corporal Lawrence Fletcher on Ward D-1 getting a lot of attention from a reporter and a cameraman representing one of the local dailies.

A letter from Colonel William W. ("Bill") Nichol who told of a sort of reunion of former Lettermanites who happened to be in a post exchange at Camp Blanding, Florida, at the same time. Namely and to wit: Bill, wearing his new eagles. Lt. Col. Caples, and Major Bagnall.

1st. Lieut. Ressa Jenkins officiating at a ceremony for the awarding of Certificates of Merit to outstanding workmen at the Marinship Yards.

St. Sgt. Herbert Goldstein asking questions about living conditions in the vicinity of Spokane, Washington. Could he be going there? . . .

Pvt. Arthur McGinn having luncheon at the Palace Hotel and then hurrying back to the hospital to receive the papers which returned him to civilian life.

Lieut. Charles Middleton asking a heckler to wait until next week before putting the bite on him-and the heckler is waiting.

Warrant Officer Moody working on that wall map showing location of new hospitals-and getting help from all callers. He did not call it help.

A delightful band concert by the 53rd Infantry Band making a sunny afternoon even more pleasant.

Private Bawls Out

Miami Beach (CNS)—A soldier who barked "Get off the grass" at a couple of "civilians" here recently didn't know they were Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, and Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Forces.

They had left their boat at the Flamingo Pier, and wandered across the lawn in fishing clothes.

The soldier saw them and yelled, "Hey, what's the matter with you guys—can't you read? Keep off the grass."

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, April 11, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Mass daily except Sunday, 4:30

Confessions before all Masses. Benedction - Wednesday-after

Stations-Friday, 4:10 p. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Y. M. C. A.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10:

10:15 p.m. SWIM or boys on the Post.

8:00 p.m. DANCE to the music of the COAST GUARD PORT BATTALION BAND.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11:

6:00 p.m. MOVIES OF BEAUTY "Incredible featuring Rio" and "Great Cargoes."

7:40 p.m. Vesper Services.

8:30 p.m. Lobby Musical Program.

9:15 p.m. POPULAR SING, with Vera Frazier and Ed Rickman.



To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Morrell B. Smith, a daughter, Burma Hellene Smith, born March 31, weight four pounds, ten ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Richard A. Griffin, a son, Russell E. Griffin, born April 1, weight eight pounds, eight ounces.

. . .

To Captain and Mrs. Herbert G. Barber, a son, born April 6, weight seven pounds, twelve ounces.

ON THE SPOT



Pyt. DUDLEY C. WINCHELL

When it comes to talking you have to hand it to the Winchells. Newspaper and radio columnist Walter Winchell is reputedly the fastest talker in the business, and if Pvt. Dudley Conrad Winchell of Ward D-2 isn't the slowest, we would like to meet the man who is.

"Red", as the boys call Winchell, has a drawl that smacks of the Tennessee hills, developed, he says, by his long residence in Southern Indiana.

He was born and grew up in a place called Tell City in the Hoosier State and went to school there until the age of 15 when education and Winchell parted company permanently, an occurrence, according to Red, which the school teachers greeted with great joy.

Since then, Winchell has been in about every part of the U. S. and has done about everything, according to his own modest account.

He bounced back to Indiana last year and went to work on a farm near Tell City. The local draft board, heartened to see him in one place for an appreciable length of time, moved in and claimed him for their own.

Winchell went through the induction process at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, on January 18, 1943, and won an assignment with a Radio Intelligence outfit.

Put aboard a troop train, he was both surprised and delighted to wind up three days later at the Presidio of San Francisco, where he has been stationed since.

"I sho' like it heah" Winchell proclaims, but whether he meant California, the Presidio or Letterman Hospital we never found out, at the rate he talks, it would probably have taken another half hour to find out.

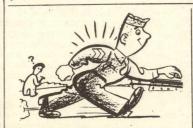
TWO CITATIONS

Citation for Distinguished Service Medal

Frank W. Weed, Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps, U. S. Army. In August, 1917, as sanitary inspector at Camp Funston, Kans., he initiated and perfected the organization and establishment of a standarized type of dentention and quarantine camp, the successful operation of which resulted in the installation of similar camps in all large cantonments throughout the United States during the war. This original and constructive work of his had a marked influence in controlling epidemic diseases, then prevalent, and greatly facilitated the rapid mobilization and training of urgently needed man power. From January until August, 1918, as general sanitary inspector, Surgeon General's Office, he rendered service of the highest order. Later, while on duty in the hospital division of the chief surgeon's office, American Expeditionary Forces, as transportation officer in charge of hospital trains, ambulances, and the movement of sick and wounded within the American Expeditionary Forces to the United States during the period from January to July, 1919, he directed the evacuation of over 100,000 sick and wounded to the United States.

Citation for Distinguished Service Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Frank W. Weed, Brigadier General (then Colonel), Medical Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in positions of great responsibility. As Surgeon of the First Army, Eastern Theater of Operations and First Army, and Eastern Defense Command and First Army, from November 2, 1940 to June 1, 1942. Colonel Weed planned, organized, developed and directed the Medical Services of these commands. The diverse and exacting duties pertaining to these functions were performed with exceptional skill. Under his direction every opportunity that developed during the expansion of these commands was utilized in perfecting medical installations and services and training the personnel thereof for actual field service. His conferences with other echelons and with state and local public officials, often on vexations and difficult matters, were conducted with unfailing courtesy, rare wisdom and admirable skill.



GUY DEAN ELMER T. KIRBY

ANSWERS TO BOB HAWK'S YANKWIZ

- 1. Yes
- 2. Susie the WAAC.
- 3. Every thirty years.
- 4. No. A tete a tete is a private, face to face conversation.
 - 5. In the dark.
- 6. The letters have no meaning.
 They are used because they are the 1884, 1888.

ON THE SPOT



Pyt. HARRY E. COURTNEY

A man who knows the ups and downs of life is Pvt. Harry Courtney. Before the war he traveled up and down the country to some of America's biggest horse shows as trainer for a Sacramento horse owner, and since coming to Letterman he has kept right on taking the bumps as the elevator operator in ward K-1.

Courtney was born some time ago, he spys, in Denver, Colorado, but came to Sacramento before starting grade school. School didn't interest Courtney very much, but horses did.

Almost his entire life has been spent with the animals, he says, and he has held every job in the business. For the past four years he was trainer for the biggest and best known stables in Northern California, and the horses under his care have captured prizes at the California state meet and many eastern shows as well.

September of last year found Courtney full of plans for extending his activities in the business, but he found out one afternoon that the U. S. Army had some plans for him, too.

A polite but firm gentleman representing the draft board put Courtney on a train for the Presidio of Monterey and, upon arrival, some other gentlemen gave him some new clothes, several shots in the arm, and a short dose of KP, before shipping him on to Letterman where he arrived on September 14.

Just who decided that a horse trainer would make a good elevator operator, Courtney doesn't know, but he's been at it for some time now and says he's glad they picked him.

easiest to send on the wireless.

- 7. No-it is too large.
- 8. Yes—Belva Ann Lockwood in 1884, 1888.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended the following men who joined the detachment during the week. They are: Privates Jesse C. Allen, Dale Gates, Percy L. Landingham, Roger R. Rockholm, Donald G. Swan, Odis D. Lee, William J. Alexander, Roby B. Cates, Donald A. Clark, Aldo A. Cobioni, James A. Cole, Robert Cooper, Parker C. Gregory, Randall V. Hendrick, Grover L. Jackson, Joe L. Ketner, Som Lomeli, Craig D. Nilmeier, Phillip R. Roth and Luis J. Tomas.

For the convenience of the government Pvt. Pedro R. Fabionar was released from the Army. We wish him much success in his new status as Mister Fabionar.

Congratulations to Clifford W. Harmon who was appointed Aviation Cadet and left to join his new outfit.

Congratulations are also in order for the following men who received promotions during the week: They are: William James, appointed Sergeant; Harold M. Junso, appointed Technician Fourth-grade and Lloyd H. James, appointed Private Firstclass

INTERESTING TO SEE:

The conspiracy Sgts. Ross H. Morey and Merle C. (Windy) West cooked up against Sgt. Andre Pascal and his girl friend.

That Pvt. Robert Wood has given up trying to raise a mustache. We wonder why?

Pvt. Al Leone defeating Cpl. Harry Brix at pool and claiming that it was the first time that he ever held a cue stick in his hands.

T/4th Gr. Edward Chilgren persuading a motorman on the "D" car to travel faster so he could keep an appointment.

T/5th Gr. James McDavid trying to shave in between answering emergency calls at the pharmacy.

Sgt. Andre Pascal searching high and low for an apartment. Can anyone help him?

a sick furlough and headed north.

MISS McCULLOUGH BACK FROM ALASKA TARRIES HERE ENROUTE TO NEW POST



A very welcome visitor at Letterman, and one who has not been seen in quite a while, is Miss Isabel E. McCullough, formerly Red Cross Recreational director here.

Miss McCullough, who resides in San Francisco, is visiting briefly at her home following her return last week from Alaska where she has been stationed as recreational director at a military post for the last several months.

She left Letterman last April for the northern outpost after spending fourteen months with the local Red Cross Chapter. At present she is awaiting another foreign duty assignment with troops in the war

The responsibility for the beginnings of much of the excellent recreation system for patients at this hospital rests with Miss McCullough, during most of her more than a year of service at this institution she was the only recreational worker on the staff. During the more than 14 months that she served here will be able to do more for the men she had complete charge of arrange- in uniform than she has in the past.

ing entertaminment features and supervising recreation. A tribute to her ability was the fact that she once declined to accept a position of hostess at Ford Ord, a job for which there were more than 4,000 applicants.

The greater opportunities for service with men on the active fighting fronts attracted her into overseas duty last spring. She was immediately given the assignment in

An adopted daughter of California, she's glad to be back from the land of ice and snow, but is now looking forward eagerly to the future job "over there."

Miss McCullough talks very little about her experiences in Eskimo land, and will say even less about the new job she expects to undertake within the next couple of weeks. She blames it all on the military censorship.

She's very happy about the new job, however, and she thinks she

SPECIAL SERVICE

Ratings of the students received from the various schools, and shipping orders, were the topic of speculation and conversation this past week as everyone prepared for the monthly graduation exercises held last Wednesday. With the passing on of this class, we saw one of the largest groups to enter the school greatly decrease after many of the men were discharged for the convenience of the government.

Congratulations are in order for former Cpl. Daniel J. Mahoney who was promoted to sergeant the first of the month. Sgt. Mahoney is now in charge of the School Charge of Quarters, and all the Detachment wishes him continued success. . . .

The week brought many changes in the Officer Personnel of the School Detachment. With the transfer of 1st Lieut. Suppo to a post back east, Lieut. Benjamin Kingwell has taken over the position of Detachment Commander. Also, the Medical School welcomes Capt. Harry T. Haver as a new instructor while the Pharmacy School has an addition in the person of 2nd Lieut. Beauchamp.

SIGHTS AROUND THE TOWN . . Various members of the Detachment enjoying the concert of Rise Stevens through the courtesy of the Red Cross . . . S/Sgt. Jason readying himself to convoy the graduating students to their new Base . . . Fifteen of the Sergeants sweating after taking the College Prelim test this week . . . The friend that Tech. 4th Hopple picked up on one of the transports-yes, the critter was on display in the Detachment officer . . . Sergeant Major Sink back on the job after his trip . . . Maurice Deitz leaving on the third trip the School has had to convoy patients back to the East Coast, and looking very happy about it, too . . . Tech. 4th Richard Herzog smiling over the fact that he received his pass for a big week-end at his home in L. A. . . . Tech. 4th Donald E. Stone back at the Dental School after enjoying three days on pass . . . reason? Honeymoon . . . The excellent performance the students gave at the ceremony for General Weed last Tuesday.

EIGHT SHOTS USED TO KILL JAPS: AND GENERAL IS REPRIMANDED

Washington (CNS)-Eight bullets were expended to kill one Jap according to unofficial correspondence on file in the office of Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon who commands forces on Guadalcanal. Part of the correspondence fol-

"Subject: Excessive Expenditure of Ammunition

"To: Commanding General. Guadalcanal

1. . . . Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Collins personally expended eight Sgt. William H. McDonald off on rounds of . . . ammunition for a sick furlough and headed north.

In the future it is desired that major generals of your command be limited to two rounds for each mission-one sightingshot and one shot for record. No additional . . . ammunition is authorized for further instruction of Gen. Collins. Any difficulty encountered in complying the above will be overcome by reducing the

"For the Commanding General: (Unofficial)

Allison J. Barnett, Brigadier General, G.S.C. Chief of Staff"

Q. M. NEWS

Hats off to Pvt. Wally Alvarez, head of Clothing and Equipage Reclamation Shop, who accepted a "Certificate of Merit" making him a member with the "Poets of the Pacific" organization. The honor was bestowed upon him, when his poem, "Reply to Olive May" was published in the San Francisco Chronicle. Pvt. Alvarez merits the title of an Artist-Member of the organization, a non-profit fellowship for the promotion of cultural literature.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ethel Giovacchini whose mother passed away March 30, 1943.

A hearty welcome to 2nd Lt. W. M. Parrish, our new Chief of Transportation and Motor Transportation Officer, who is replacing Lt. Kenneth L. Pieper, now assuming duties at Pasadena, California. Lt. Parrish was Chief of Motor Transportation at Camp Adair, Oregon, before coming to Letterman. He is a native of Richmond, Va., and began his military career at Camp Lee there on January 21, 1942. Lt. Parrish is a graduate of the Q. M. school at Camp Lee, Va.

Sgt. Dean "Pop" Latimer, QM's "Man about the Post", explains that the red rose he wore the other day was secured from the Post Gardener, but our Gremlins tell us that it was given to him by a certain Juliet in the Reclamation Shop. How about that, "Pop"?

Laff of the Week-

Detroit (CNS) — Twenty-twoyear-old Barbara Brown had a date with a soldier, but he "stood her up." Being a former telephone operator she knew exactly what to do. She called police headquarters identifying herself as an Army operator and told them to order all soldiers to report back to their stations immediately.

Mohnton, Pa. (CNS)—A 7,000-word postscript has been written to accompany an 18,000-word letter for Pvt. Charles D. Leininger who is stationed in California. The writer is his fiancee, Miss Sibella Kindt.

"What do I write? Why news of course," said Miss Kindt. This town, with a population of 1,824, evidently produces a lot of news.

SGT. GEORGE JENSEN FORMER MEMBER OF LETTERMAN STAFF BACK AGAIN



GEORGE JENSEN

T/4 Medical Department, U. N. Assgd.

A name appeared on Wednesday's "Admission and Disposition" sheet, a name that caused a flury of visitors in Ward O-1. "George is back" is the good word of the day. Yes, George Jensen has returned, this time as a patient. To those of you who haven't had the pleasure of meeting him, George came to this detachment in August, 1940 and served in the laboratory and ward master before leaving in October, 1942, as a Technician Fourth Grade.

We were all very sorry to see him go, but we felt sure that he would make good wherever he served. George left this country in October as a member of a medical detachment attached to the Air Corps. His outfit finally ended up on an island in the South Pacific, latitude and longitude a military secret.

After landing in true Commando style, they found that the island was occupied by a colony of 350 natives of many origins whose principal occupation was eating boiled fish and coconuts.

As Jensen put it, he had finally found a group that knew how to relax. For recreation the medical corpsmen had the choice of either fishing or fishing. The fishing was excellent and George boasts of catching a 76-pound barracuda him back.

which is quite a feat considering that the sport was carried on from shallow, wedge-shaped native dugouts.

In fact, now that we recall George's size, we wonder how the dug-out managed to stay afloat at all.

Being the second line of defense, it is only proper that George's outfit should get a bit of attention from the Nips. The location was under shell fire from a Jap sub for more than twelve hours and the members of the outfit almost perished from chagrin. They had nothing large enough to do the Jap any damage and just had to sit by and take it. Fortunately, there were no casualties.

George had no great love for the enemy before the shelling, but his dislike reached a fever pitch shortly afterward. Adjacent to the island they were occupying was a tiny atoll that boasted one lone coconut tree. Along came the Jap sub—boom—no coconut tree, just a barren island.

As yet, George has no plans for the future. He just wants to get his old strength back and have at the enemy again. In the meantime, he won't lack for visitors for all his old buddies are more than glad to see him back. 717 TH

Eureka! We have found the perfect soldier—an honest man. Pvt. Robert Gault found a box dropped from an Army truck, turned it into the office and, of all things, found out later that said package was cigarettes—500 packages of them. (What a man!)

We feel proud of the four young men who make up the 717th quartet in the persons of Pvts. Jimmie T. Savage, Ernest C. Ford, Montell W. Wilson and Charles Vaughn. The public will be hearing from them.

The A Wall Boys (AWOL) probably will become good soldiers now. Lieutenants Henderson and Chadman, by diplomacy and tact, have reduced that feature to a minimum.

The brightest face on the company street is Cpl. Henry Scott, back from a fifteen day furlough, sporting a new Bulova wrist-watch.

Pvts. Rufus Felder, Wesley Butterfield, Julius J. Clay, Richard Rogers and Richard Winn have all enjoyed the company of their wives in the last few days.

The 717th felt proud of the opportunity to play their part in the decoration ceremony of the Commanding General, Frank W. Weed.

The versatility of the 717th shows in many fields. The following men are outstanding in contract bridge: Pvts. Rufus A. Felder, Ambrose Jackson, Pleasant Fractious and Richard H. Winn. A number of fellows are looking forward to Easter furloughs. We wish them luck.

Our bouquet goes to the following men who have completed a surgical and medical preparatory course at Letterman proper: Curtis D. Howard, Theodore D. Bartlett, Julius J. Clay, Oswald G. Talbert, George Redix, Jr., and Roy C. Lee.

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Our fighting men are doing their share. Here at home the least we can do is put 10% of our income in War Bonds for our share in America.

YANKWIZ

BOB HAWK Quizmster

"THANKS TO THE YANKS"

Saturdays, C B S



1. According to Webster, could a girl with light auburn hair and grey eyes be called a blonde?

2. I have a girl named Juanita who is a WAVE, and one named Susie who is a WAAC. One of them always wears her uniform when I take her out, but the other sometimes wears civilian clothes. Neither is disobeying military regulations. Which one is allowed to wear civilian clothes when off duty?

3. A centennial celebration is held every 100 years. How often is a tricennial celebration held?

4. Can you have a tete a tete over the telephone?

5. Do plants have a tendency to grow more rapidly in the dark or in the light?

6. The letters in the distress call "S O S" are not used because they mean "Save Our Ship." Why are the letters "S O S" used?

7. Could you drop a dime into a regulation soda pop bottle?

8. Has a woman ever been nominated for the presidency of the United States?

(Answers on page 5)

14-Year-Old Boy Substitutes for Brother

Columbus, O. (CNS)—A 14year-old boy substituted and reported for induction in place of James R. Owens of Beaver, O. recently according to Ft. Hayes offi-cials. The latter paid \$6 to his younger brother, Ellis, to report for him.

Ellis said that James had received his induction notice and asked that the substitution be made.

"My brother didn't want to go, Ellis said. "He said if I went he would send me anything I wanted

"I wanted to get into the Army anyway, so I told him I would go in his place.

"Then I got to studying about it and figuring that every one back in Beaver would know."

On March 5 Ellis went AWOL and returned home and notified the sheriff.

"I got along all right in the Army," he said. "I'd like to stay in if they'd let me."

James was held on a charge of failing to report for induction.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

ONE-HUNDRED PERCENTERS

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Q.M. Reclamation Shop

Q.M. Transportation Office

Each department listed above can pridefully boast of the fact that every civilian employed therein is participating in the War Bond Drive. Full credit is due these departments not only for their unselfish participation, but also for the length of time that they have maintained their enviable record. The latest addition to our list on One Hundred Percenters is the Q.M. Reclamation Shop which is under the able direction of Miss Stella Hayes. This group appeared en masse at the War Bond Office and subscribed for at least 10 per cent of their total pay. It is hoped that their enthusiasm will be spread amongst the departments which have not as yet reached the top. Only by complete participation will we gain the "E" flag. Boost your department and you help everyone.



Sports Slants From Other Camps

Pvt. Joe DiMaggio last week stepped up to the plate for the first time since the World Series of 1942—and got a walk. Sluggin' Joe played outfield for the Santa Ana (Cal.) Army Air Base nine when they crossed bats with the Fullerton Junior College team. "In the Army I lead the sweet, pure life," said Joe. "I weigh 208 pounds-and that's right on the button." He's a physical instructor at the Base.

Barney Ross, who is convalescing at the St. Albans (N. Y.) Naval Hospital from malaria which felled him in New York City upon his return from Guadalcanal, has been promoted to a sergeant in the U. S. Marines. The former corporal and boxing champ is credited with killing 22 Japs on Guadalcanal.

Capt. Stanley Bach, athletic officer of the European theater of operations of the U.S. Army, recently announced plans for the organization of six service baseball leagues in England and one in Northern Ireland. He also announced the formation of the "London International Baseball League" with members composed of four American, three Canadian and one aircraft corporation teams. U.S. Army Headquarters in that theater described the program as "the greatest baseball season any country outside the U. S. has ever known."

Ben (Evil Eye) Finkle, the champ hex artist of the world is now a private at Scott Fld., Ill. Ben's left eye has stared many a ring great into submission some reason or another. The Evil Eye was in Braddock's corner the night he licked Baer. He was at Solly Kreiger's stool the night he beat Billy Conn in Pittsburgh. He helped Lou Ambers beat Pedro Montanez. But now that eye is riveted on just three guys—Hitler, Tojo and Mussolini!

Pvt. Johnny Greco, Canadian soldier, thrashed Cleo Shans last week in their ten-round return argument in Madison Square Garden, New York City, before a crowd of 15,000. It was Greco's second victory in the same ring over Shans in four weeks. Both bouts were bitterly contested, but the soldier's second win proved without doubt that he is the better fighter. Greco scaled 135 pounds and Shans 133. Greco entered the ring a 3 to 1 favorite.

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Former LGH Nurses Promoted To New And Higher Ranks

Under the provisions of the act signed by the President last December authorizing higher grades for members of the Army Nurse Corps, 16 captains have been promoted to the grade of lieutenant colonel and 15 captains have been promoted to the grade of major, effective late in March, 1943. It is expected that 14 more nurses will be promoted from captain to major and approximately 80 nurses holding the rank of first lieutenant will be advanced to the grade of captain soon.

Two former Letterman nurses have won advancement to the rank of lieutenant colonel and two more have been promoted to major, effective March 22, 1943, according to a recent announcement by the War Department.

Lyde M. Keener, now principal Chief Nurse of Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., has been promoted to lieutenant colonel as has Alma T. Skoog, now assistant superintendent in charge of the nursing service of the Ninth Service Command.

Lulu J. Newton, principal chief nurse at Camp Stoneman, California, was promoted to the rank of Major and Clara G. Washington, principal chief nurse at Fort Ord, California, received the same rating.

Miss Lulu J. Newton was, until 1942, assistant to the principal chief nurse at Letterman. She is a native of Massachusetts and a graduate of the Worcester City Hospital. She was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps on May 1, 1918, and has had continuous service since that date. Her stations include two years in Coblenz, Germany, after the First World War, two years in the Philippines, three years in Hawaii with tours of duty within the continental pital at Camp Stoneman.



MITZI MAYFAIR

Arriving at Letterman General Hospital for a visit with the men returned from Guadalcanal and New Guinea. Waiting to greet her are Pvt. Wm. Gillaspy and Sgt. Tony Esposito. Miss Mayfair has just come back from a trip to the African front, where she entertained all branches of the armed forces.

limits of the United States at Fort Myer, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Sill, Walter Reed General Hospital and this institution.

In June of last year she was promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned to duty at the station hos-

Women Medicos

Legislation authorizing the appointment of women physicians and surgeons in the Medical Corps of the Army and the Navy was passed this week by the Senate and sent to the White House.

Patients Remembered By Famliy Who Lost Five Sons in War

A family that has lost five sons in battle during the current war was thoughtful and took the time to remember the patients of Letterman Hospital last week. A large box of American Beauty roses, with the card of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan of Waterloo, Iowa, enclosed, was received by the Post Chaplain and placed in the solarium for the patients.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan are the parents of the five famous Sullivan boys who went to their deaths when their cruiser, the Juneau, was sunk in a battle with the Japanese off Guadalcanal last year.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan's ties are with the Navy, not only through their son but also their daughter, Genevieve, who enlisted in the WAVES recently, they remember the Army as well, as their gift bears testament.

The Sullivan family was in San Francisco to christen a new warship, the U.S.S. Sullivans, named in honor of the five boys who died for their country. The family has been touring through many of the principal cities of the United States, making personal appearances at defense plants and patriotic gatherings to urge greater efforts in the battle of production.

High ranking naval and military officials, in addition to civic leaders of the City of San Francisco, welcomed the family here and presented the Sullivans at testimonial dinners given in their honor. Mrs. Sullivan was presented with the keys to the city and with a silver loving cup bearing the seal of San Francisco.

BLOOD BANK INSURES LOCAL EMERGENCY BLOOD SUPPLY

A fairly recent innovation at Letterman Hospital is the establishment of a blood bank to meet emergencies which occur within the hospital environs. Before the bank was set up, a patient in need of a blood transfusion was supplied directly from a donor. It is obvious that the lapse of time necessary to call the donor, prepare him, and perform the transfusion was dangerous to the welfare and safety of the patient in need of the blood.

Since March 18th of this year this delay has been eliminated in the creation of a storage bank for the two types of blood needed most in emergencies. Unlike the larger blood banks where the blood is either frozen or dried and then shipped to its destination as blood plasma, the Letterman bank is kept in the original form as a liquid, stored in a refrigerator and maintained at a temperature of between 37 and 41 degrees Fahrenheit.

Frozen and dried blood plasma keeps indefinitely, and in the liquid form retains its efficiency for approximately a year. As an added precaution refrigerated blood is kept only about ten days, and a minimum supply of three pints each of the most commonly needed types, A and O, are kept in refrigeration at one time. As the blood is needed and used it is immediately replaced, always keeping the supply of six pints as a minimum.

Donors are called from a list compiled from the serology test which is taken of the entire detachment every three months. This list gives the blood type of each man, including the B and AB types, as well as the more common A and O types. Consequently an unlimited blood supply is always available to supply normal or emergency needs.

Precious time in making transfusions is also saved by the use of mobile outfits which may be moved quickly to the place where the emergency has occurred. The mobile units can be operated by any two men of the six teams capable of taking transfusions. These teams have staggered duty hours and at no time is there the possibility of all teams being off the post at the same time.

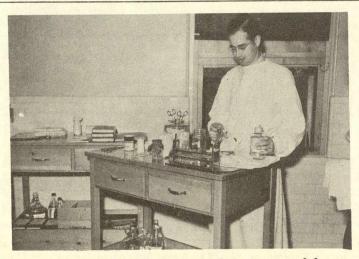
Under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Gerson R. Biskind, Chief of the Clinical Laboratory, and Lieutenant Marcus A. Krupp, his assistant, the following men have been



Lieutenant Colonel Gerson R. Biskind, right, Chief of the Clinical Laboratory checks on the blood flow which Lieutenant Marcus A. Krupp, Assistant to the Colonel, is taking from donor, Private Merrill Harvey.



Inspection of the blood supply on hand in the thermostatically controlled refrigerator is made by Lieutenant Krupp.



One of six mobile transfusion units being prepared for use by Corporal Horace Ulmer.

trained in the work: S/Sgt. Vaughn G. Yeomans, S/Sgt. William H. Day, Sgt. George R. Dahl, T/4th Gr. George Apregan, Cpl. Horace Ulmer, T/5th Gr. Niel F. Martin and T/5th Gr. Cyril G. Weigle. These men are always ready to meet the call for a blood transfusion by going immediately to any of the four mobile outfits which are kept in readiness at emergency stations in the Gas Unit, Surgery, Ward D-1 and the Laboratory. Any two of these men are capable of performing not only transfusions but also cross matching of blood and shock study in the event of an emergency.

If additional blood is needed to supplement the amount on refrigeration, the list of donors is checked and a man called who has the type of blood needed for the transfusion. His blood pressure and temperature are taken and recorded before he is prepared for the actual transfusion. As food products get into the blood stream if blood is taken too soon after a meal, at least four hours must have elapsed since the donor last ate. Donors are also eliminated if they have had malaria, asthma or hay fever.

Following the preliminaries, the donor's arm is sterilized and deadened with a procaine shot. Cleanliess is all important, and the needles and tubes connected with the bottle in which the blood is to be taken are carefully sterilized. The bottle itself contains a sodium citrate solution of approximately 70 cc which is combined with the blood—from 500 cc (a pint) to 700 cc being the usual amount.

After the arm of the donor has been desensitized, a hollow needle is pushed into the main blood vessel of the arm. The blood flows through the needle into a sterile connecting rubber tube and into the collection bottle. The bottle, cleaned thoroughly in a steam pressure sterilizer, has a rubber dam across the mouth which is punctured when receiving the blood and automatically seals itself after the bottle has been filled. An aluminum top is placed over the top to ascertain absolute cleanliness when the blood is used at a later date.

Simplicity of action typifies the mobile emergency units. As far as the donor is concerned, the operation is painless and leaves no ill

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after-effects. Because it takes at least one month to replenish with the corpuscles taken in a 500 cc transfusion, the Army will not allow any one man to donate his blood oftener than once every three months.

In case of emergency, the four mobile units would be able to take forty transfusions an hour if necessary. The units are so situated that in the event of a bombing attack upon the hospital it would be unlikely that all four units would be put out of operation at the same time. The usual number of persons handled by the blood bank is three per hour under ordinary conditions.

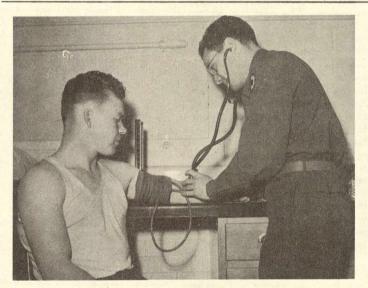
The singularity of the Letterman Blood Bank is that the full blood and plasma is stored for emergency use. Instead of separating the blood cells from the plasma and either freezing or drying the plasma for storage, the full blood is retained just as it is received from the donor. The blood then is administered directly to the patient after cross checking the samples attached to the bottle with the patient's blood. Without warming it, the blood is then injected into the veins of the receiver - whereas plain plasma is effective in shock or burn cases, the full blood gives the added benefit of the active red blood cells to the blood stream.

There is neither the facility for separating plasma from the blood nor the bank for storing large quantities of plasma at the hospital; consequently, all persons desiring to donate a pint of blood for future use on our many fighting fronts are referred to the American Red Cross or the Irwin Blood Bank in San Francisco. The Irwin Blood Bank is situated at 2180 Washington Street and is prepared to receive donors at any time. The Red Cross has a mobile unit as well as a station at 2415 Jones Street. The blood they collect is sent to the Cutter Laboratory in Berkeley where it is prepared for storage and future use.

Thirteen billion dollars—the sum the Treasury must raise in the Second War Loan drive, is only one sixth of the estimated cost of the war for the fiscal year of 1943.



Corporal Horace N. Ulmer and Technical Sergeant William H. Day completing the blood transfusion from Private Merrill Harvey.



Before the transfusion is given, Lieutenant Krupp checks
Private Harvey's blood pressure.



1st. LIEUT. RESSA JENKINS, A. N. C.
Pictured with a group of Marinship workers to whom she has just presented an Award of Merit in recognition of constructive ideas contributed for improvement of the ships turned out at the Marinship yards.

Spring Hits the Sanctum As Reporter Gets Bird—Ho Hum!

Next time you take a city-bound streetcar at the Letterman car station, keep a sharp lookout along the tracks as the car leaves the reservation, and if you don't get a look at the Letterman quail covey it will be a very unusual day.

Spring, summer, fall and winter they are there. In fair days and in rainy ones. Sometimes there are only a few, others they seem countless. But because they have come to know that man is friendly to them there, and because too the grass is deep and the protective brush favored by their species grows there in abundance, they remain.

Audobon's famous work, The Birds of America, will tell you that they are the Laphartyx Californica, the valley quail. It will tell you also that they are native to the Western United States from Washington south to the Mexican border and east as far as Nevada,

They resemble a robin and are about 10 inches long, brown in color, they have black throats and the feathers of the lower body are intershadings of brown and black, giving an appearance of possessing scales like the mythological dragons of long ago.

Their food is grass, seeds and insects, supplemented by bread crumbs provided by human friends who work in the offices nearby.

When contented, and they seldom are anything else, they coo occasionally, a soft and plaintive sound something like a pigeon.

Sometimes they wander away from the tracks, back in the deep-shaded hillside, but mostly they stay close to men. It is peaceful to watch them there, they raise their heads slowly as another streetcar thunders in and the war, somehow, seems far away.

Alaska Chief Nurse Designated for The Legion of Merit

Ist Lieut. Maude E. Carraway, Chief Nurse, Army Nurse Corps, has been awarded the medal of the Legion of Merit, in the grade of Legionnaire, for her outstanding devotion to duty and extraordinary ability displayed in the organization and administration of the Army Nurse Corps in Alaska.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL UNCLAIMED

Thousands of vital messages concerning servicemen killed in action, reported missing, or taken prisoners of war, as well as a large number of undelivered allotment checks, have been returned to Washington in the past few months stamped, "Unclaimed," according to a recent announcement

At the request of the war and navy department, Red Cross Home Service is attempting to trace the persons to whom these messages were originally sent.

While the correspondence unit of Home Service is usually able to locate the majority of emergency addresses, it frequently takes several months to trace persons who moved without leaving a forwarding address.

Difficulties in I o c a t i n g people often are complicated by the large scale shifting of the population toward war industry centers where persons are seldom listed in city or telephone directories because of their transient status.

To facilitate the delivery of casualty and other messages of vital importance to a service-man's family, all persons listed as the "next to kin" on service records, are urged to leave their forwarding or emergency address with the post office.

An "unclaimed" check means potential distress for some one. It defeats the effort of the government to make adequate provisions for dependents of men in service.

A soldier's menu on a given day is known to the Army two months in advance.



We extend a welcome to the following nurses who have been added to the staff of this hospital:

MINNIE L. CARR, 1st Lieut., started out her life in the town of Milledgeville, Georgia, She attended high school in Irwinton, Georgia, and after graduating went to the Milledgeville State Hospital for her nurses training. Upon completion of her training, she did general duty for six months and left to be Head Nurse at the City Hospital in Milledgeville, where she remained for a vear. Miss Carr left the State of her birth to go to the City Orthopedic Hospital in White Plains, N. Y. Here she was Ward Supervisor for six months. The next step was an important one - it was the Army Nurse Corps for Miss Carr. Her first assignment was to William Beaumont General Hospital in Texas and she was there for three years. In 1939 she was transferred to the Hawaiian Islands and was stationed at various station hospitals. December 7 found her at Schofield Barracks Station Hospital and she sums up the whole thing by saying 'we were all mad-but cool." After assisting in the conversion of station hospitals in the Islands, she was transferred to the general hospital on Oahu. In March of this year she received orders to report to Letterman and arrived here last week.

MILDRED I. CLARK, 2nd Lieut., was born and reared in Clarkton, North Carolina. She had her training at the Baker Sanatorium in Lumberton, North Carolina, graduating in 1936; and did post graduate work in pediatrics at the Babies Hospital in Wilmington, N. C. She also did post graduate work in Operating Room Administration and Technique at the Jewish Hospital in Philadelphia. In 1938 she joined the Army Nurse Corps at Fort Bragg and was stationed there until she was transferred to the station hospital at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In January of 1941 she was ordered to the North Sector General Hospital at Honolulu, where she was stationed until last month when she left to come to Letterman. . . .

LILLIAN PALOWITCH, 2nd signment.



Sergeant **Buford Folsom** breaking into his new job of seeing about proper habiliments for the patients on admission and departure.

A note from Lieut. Thelma Cole, ANC., recently moved to Denver, in which she describes the view from her window. This time it is Pike's Peak instead of the Golden Gate.

Lieut. Marcus Krupp reveling in anticipation of that trip which lies ahead of him. Mark says he has been fifty weeks on the job and no day off.

Corporal Dan Brock, from the Signal Corps photo lab, doing some very fine shooting with his camera one evening this week. His targets were Una Merkel, Hugh Herbert, and Mitzi Mayfair.

Mrs. Jean Ruley, the popular director of Recreation for the Red Cross, back again at her post after a leave of absence. One day late but she did have a good excuse. And Phyl Jones is no longer lonesome.

Major Harold C. Alward developing the technique of four holes of golf in the afternoon and making it appealing to his associates.

Mr. Edward Flynn, 83 year old retired rancher, all the way out from South Dakota for a visit with his son, George, who is a patient on C-1

A new black band on the cap of Lieut. Mary Burnett as she becomes the boss lady of K-2.

Lieut., was born in Ashville, Manitoba, Canada. She went into nurses training at St. Joseph's Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba, graduating in 1936 and staying on at St. Joseph's to do general and private duty. Miss Palowitch then came to the United States and joined the staff of the Glen Lake Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1937 she left to come to the Pomona Valley Hospital in Pomona, California, leaving this hospital to become a member of the Red Cross. It was through the Red Cross that she joined the Army Nurse Corps and came to Letterman-her first as-

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Sunday, April 18, 1943
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Mass daily except Sunday, 4:30

p. m.

Confessions before all Masses.
Benedction — Wednesday—after
Mass.

Stations—Friday, 2:30 p. m. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

For Victory and Peace

The Three Hours' Devotion

Under The Auspices of The Archbishop of San Francisco

The Civic Auditorium GOOD FRIDAY April 23, 1943

19 Noon to 2:00 - --

12 Noon to 3:00 p. m.

SERVICE MEN, SERVICE WOMEN, CIVILIANS INVITED

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Emergency Relief

The Army Emergency Relief has been organized to give speedy financial help and other assistance to all soldiers and their dependents when in need. Relief may be granted in the form of money by loans, by aid in kind, including the procurement of food, fuel, medical and dental care, hospitalization and general assistance in the solution of problems confronting individuals or members of their families.

In the office of the Army Emergency Relief in the Civic Auditorium in the Civic Center dependents of service men will find a sympathetic atmosphere and a readiness to be of service, and the A. E. R. will take over at any hour of the day or night when an emergency arises which calls for prompt action.

There is a Section of the Army Emergency Relief located at Letterman Hospital. The office is on the (Continued on page seven)

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. NORMAN L. ARNETT

The tall, slender, good-looking young fellow pictured above is Norman Arnett. Pvt. Arnett is employed in L-2, the main hospital laboratory, and is very happy about it. Seems that Arnett majored in bacteriology in college and vastly enjoys peering into microscopes, test tubes and the like. He spent two months in the Police and Personnel department, but he didn't particularly care for it, and found his transfer to laboratory work a week or so ago the most pleasant thing that has happened to him during his military career.

Arnett is a resident of the town of Westminster, California, which is on the outskirts of Long Beach. He has lived there since 1936, the year the family migrated from Kansas City, Missouri. He went to grade school in Kansas City and to high school and junior college in Long Beach.

He spent two years in the Long Beach junior college, majoring, as has been said before, in bacteriology. His collegiate career was nipped in the bud by the draft board who took him in hand on December 30, 1942. Inducted through the Fort MacArthur Reception Center, Arnett landed at Letterman in early January.

He's interested in the usual sports which attract active young men, with swimming and basketball as his prime favorites, says he misses the daily dip in the ocean more than anything.

When the war is over, our Buck hopes to go back to school and continue his studies in the biological science field, with an eye toward advanced graduate work. He's unmarried and claims he wants to stay that way.

SEWS WOUND

A sewing machine manufacturer has developed a gadget for stitching battle wounds.

WORLD-TRAVELED NURSE RETURNS TO LETTERMAN FOR SIXTH TIME

Stationed at Letterman General Hospital for the sixth time in 27 years, First Lieutenant Mary E. K. Mellor has recently arrived from the North Sector General Hospital in Hawaii. During these years Miss Mellor has been in active service with the Army Nurse Corps and her tours of duty have taken her all over the world.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, she was educated in her hometown and in Pittsburgh, Pa. She had her nurse's training at the Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh and after graduating did private duty for four years.

In 1916 Miss Mellor joined the Army Nurse Corps and began her eventful career at Letterman Hospital-her first assignment. After eight months here she was transferred to Fort Bayard in New Mexico where she remained for a year and then returned to Letterman. Her next station was Camp Mills (now Mitchell Field), Long Island, and she arrived during the 'flu" epidemic. In October 1918 Miss Mellor went overseas for ten months and when she returned, Fitzsimons General Hospital was her next stop. After a year at Fitzsimons, she was again on her way to greener fields; this time to the Philippines-with a brief respite at Letterman-where she was stationed at Stotsenberg General Hospital for a year and then at Sternberg General Hospital for four months.

Taking a well-merited leave in 1922, Miss Mellor traveled through China, enjoying the wonders of that ancient country. Upon expiration of her leave she returned to Letterman and remained for a year; subsequently doing tours of duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and Camp Lewis in Washington. She came back to Letterman for a two-year period and during this time managed to travel extensively through the United States.

In 1930 Miss Mellor again sailed for Sternberg General Hospital in the Philippines. On her next assignment she found herself in company with another intrepid nurse, whom she knew well from her stays at Letterman, Miss Margaret Kneiram. The latter is now Captain Kneiram, Assistant Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps and Principal Chief Nurse at Letterman General Hospital. These two nurses

Stationed at Letterman General stayed for six months in Baguio, the cospital for the sixth time in 27 land abounding in head-hunters.

Miss Mellor next went to Shanghai for what she says was the most interesting of her tours of duty. There she was stationed in an old palace, a former showplace of China, which had been converted into a hospital. However, the beauties of her surroundings were offset by the hard work necessary in combating plagues of typhus, small-pox and measles.

A trip around the world on leave was her next venture; Alaska, Mexico, Bali, Java, Indo-China, Singapore, India, Malaya, Burma and Italy were among the countries she visited. Upon her return to the United States, Miss Mellor was assigned to Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., and after eight months was transferred to Fort Monroe in Virginia. She left Fort Monroe to go to Porto Rico for a year and then returned to Walter Reed.

In 1938 Miss Mellor embarked for Europe. Through England, Denmark and Sweden her progress was without event but in Finland, through a misunderstanding, she was held for two days as a spy. When this matter had been cleared up, Miss Mellor heaved a sigh of relief and settled down to enjoy the company of her traveling companions to Russia—a trainload of women soldiers on their way to the Front.

In Russia, Miss Mellor and her party were fortunate in having among their group men who had been born and reared in Russia and who were, therefore, able to give their companions an intimate view of Russia. The party traveled as the Russians did; suffering the inconveniences and discomforts as did the natives. Miss Mellor describes the Medical University at Moscow with admiration and is enthusiastic in her praise of the wonderful clinics and steam baths. Besides holding Russian art in high esteem, she is equally impressed by the practical genius of the Russians; an example of which is the underground subway, with escalators, for which women were employed.

Upon leaving Russia Miss Mellor traveled through Ukrania, Poland and Germany. When she arrived in Germany it was but a few days before that country declared war.

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ON THE SPOT



ROBERT P. PICARD Sergeant Army Air Force

There are forty-eight hours in the life of Sergeant Robert Picard that he hopes never to live again. Two days and nights of pain and cold and terror high in the frozen slopes of Mount Mooselauke, New Hampshire.

As aerial photographer and gunner on a Douglas B-18, Sgt. Picard and his mates were on a routine flight, covering their usual course they followed every day as part of the Atlantic anti-submarine patrol.

Coming back from the flight, they ran into storms and fog. The pilot went up to 4,000 feet in an attempt to climb above the storm. But Mount Mooselauke is even higher. They crashed and three bombs of the load they were carrying exploded, killing two of the crew.

Picard and those who were left alive clung for two days to a tiny granite ledge high up on the mountain side before the rescue parties got to them. When they brought him to the hospital, he had several broken ribs, a broken leg, a fractured pelvis, frozen feet and hands and was suffering from shock. "I considered myself very lucky to be alive," he says.

That was on January 14, 1942. The Sergeant has spent nearly all the time since in various military hospitals. He came to California several months ago to visit relatives and ended up in Letterman for further treatment.

Picard is a natice of Springfield, Mass. He served a four-year term in the National Guard back in the 1930's and was drafted on January 9, 1941.

He thinks Letterman is nice but complains because, as he says, "I walked in here and they've kept me in bed ever since."

If captured by the enemy, never reveal the name and number of your outfit.

A welcome is extended to T/4th gr. Enoch and T/5th gr. James Forte. Discharged for the convenience of

the government during the week were Privates Ralph Trowbridge, Albert Peterson and Gonzalo Guinto.

Best of luck to T/Sgt. Herman Harms and Sgt Jasper Martin who were transferred to another hospital for duty.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Charles Pike, appointed First Sergeant; Fred Jacobs, appointed Master Sergeant; Ernest Brensel and William H. Day, appointed Technical Sergeants: George Devine and Martin Newcome, appointed Staff Sergeants; Hugh Spall and Stuart Curtis to Technicians fifth grade; and Duke Bauman, Julius Cippa, Robert Holt, Elwood Kueny and Urban Louis, appointed Privates First Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. George (one "s", two "n's") Erismann dividing his time equally between the message center and the 2nd floor of the Administration Building now that he is out of the hospital.

T/5th Gr. John Barsocchini and Art Forcade arguing the various merits of the bass fiddle and drums in a dance band-way into the night.

Sgt. Merle C. ("Windy") West arguing about where General Mac-Arthur belongs - Army or Navyand getting a black eye out of it.

Pvt. Melvin Notho no longer walking an M. P. beat but answering phones in the Information Office.

Sgt. Edward Blythin having coffee a little late these mornings now that his companion has changed her

Pvt. Carl A. Muruvmey eternally trading radios to get a better deal. He is doing it, too!

S/Sgt. Wylie J. Dunn keeping the men in the baggage room toeing the line during his shift. Simon Legree.

Pvt. David Wharles stammering apologies for having covered seven -or was it eight-people with one cup of coffee at the Y.M.C.A. Grill.

Pvt. Warren Hall demonstrating his ultra politeness by stepping back to get out of the way of a Warrant Officer, only to tread directly on the pet corns of a Major.

VETERAN AIR FORCE MAJOR BOMBED BY JAPS—SAVED BY BLOOD PLASMA



WILLIAM A. FAIRFIELD Major, Army Air Force

"All hell broke loose. Buildings disappeared in the air - holes appeared in the ground. One moment you would see a building and the next moment see half of it." These are the words that Major William A. Fairfield of the Army Air Force, currently a patient at Letterman, uses to describe the destruction wrought by Jap bombers at the Philippine air field where he was live and the only reason that I'm stationed on the fateful morning of December 7, 1941.

Major Fairfield was wounded by shrapnel when the attack was but a few minutes old. "Three of us started out across the field together. I dropped behind a tree. I saw Bill Cocke, with whom I had been flying since 1940, fall, and I saw him move so I knew he was still alive. I started towards him, and that was the end of my active service for some time to come. They got me in both legs and the next thing I knew I was being dragged into a trench."

The Major was taken first to a field hospital and later to Manila. Soon after his arrival, the Philippine metropolis was declared an open city, but the Japs kept up the bombing just the same.

Evacuated from the city on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1941, their tiny hospital ship after a series of perilous adventures reached Australia.

To blood plasma, more than anything else, the Major gives credit for his life. "Without it I would have passed out of the picture, there is no doubt about that, but I did back here in San Francisco with my family is through one fact, and one fact only . . . blood plasma saved my life at Clarke Field."

Major Fairfield was born in New Haven, Conn., was a flyer during the first World War., From 1920 to 1926 he worked as a commercial pilot, leaving in that year to enter the profession of mechanical engineer in San Francisco.

As an Air Corps reservist, the Major was in charge of repair, maintenance and engineering work at Clarke Field when the war broke out

He now lives at home in San Francisco while undergoing treatment here. The Major is the father of two children, a son now in flight training and a daughter in high school.

SPECIAL SERVICE

With the invasion of Camps Kearns and Grant this month, the expected increase of the School has finally taken place. With doubledecker bunks and split classes, the overflow of men has been solved for the present—we hope. . . .

The main addition to the expanding school is the recently completed Surgical Annex in upper T-42. Through the aid of a few partitions, that barracks now contains two classrooms, and officers' office and the non-coms' room.

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE:

Certain students, anxious to see an autopsy, leaving before its conclusion.

. . .

The duty personnel and students soaking up the welcome sunshine we enjoyed over the week-end.

The influx of mail from the East that T/4th Gr. Richard Herzog seems to have caused-indirectly, of course.

The preparations of T/5th Gr. Bruce Sloan, who expects VISITORS this week . . .

Pvt. Leo Schutz very much on duty since his recent exit from the hospital.

TRAVELING NURSE

(Continued from page six) Feeling the tension of the gathering storm, she decided to return to the United States and, as she says, "I was just one step ahead of the Gestapo."

When she arrived home, Miss Mellor was assigned to Walter Reed General Hospital. In July of 1940. she left the States for the North Sector General Hospital in Hawaii. There she was in charge of Quarters and Mess when the December 7th storm broke, and this time she was caught in the storm.

Now back at Letterman, Miss Mellor admits that it is her favorite post. We are proud of Lieutenant Mellor and her wonderful record of service for her Country and her fellow-man.

Q. M. NEWS

Robert P. Rowell, former Chief Clerk of Storage and Distribution Division at Letterman, has recently been assigned as Chief Clerk of the Richmond Quartermaster Depot at Richmond, Va. Rowell's new appointment came after his diligent service as Chief Clerk to the Quartermaster. John P. Welch, a former M/Sgt. who retired in March 1942, is oddly enough, Rowell's new Commanding Officer. Now Rowell is no longer wearing the uniform but he is still proudly bearing the weight of responsibility.

The men in Group 1 and 2 of our Quartermaster Detachment said that their pre-worries about the full field inspections last Monday and Tuesday were in vain. Detachment Commander Major Oscar Speed, who made the inspection sumed it all up as "Very Good," thus helping the boys to breathe more easily.

The Comissary is a hub-bub of activity since last Monday, the day that Pvt. "Larry" Paris returned after a week of star gazing in Hollywood. Pvt. Paris speaks highly of the glamorous city and says his only regret was not dancing with Hedy Lamarr at the Hollywood Canteen. "Guess she didn't know I was in town," Paris stated.

Recent former members of the QM Corps at Letterman who visited the old alma-mater were 2nd Lieut. Jimmy White and Sgt. Norman Hughes.

Leo Durocher, Brooklyn Dodgers' manager who was rejected by the Army recently because of a perforated ear drum, is going to start the season at shortstop. "I don't know how long I'll last," Durocher declared, "but I'm hoping my starting infield will be Vaughan at third, Herman at second, Camilli at first and myself at short. That won't be hard to take."

Edward C. Prudhomme of Shreveport, La., known to sports fans as "Jack Hagan," claimant to the world's light heavyweight wrestling title and junior heavyweight mat championship of the West Coast, is attending a ground crew specialist course at the Army Air Forces Technical Training School, Chanute Fld., Ill.

TWENTY-NINE DOWN AND ONE TO GO IS PRESENT SLOGAN OF SGT. DAY



WILLIAM H. DAY
Technical Sergeant, Medical Corps

Twenty-nine years of continuous military service without even so much as a single day of unauthorized absence from duty, eight enlistments each terminted with a character rating of "excellent"—that's a record difficult to top. The man who owns it is Technical Sergeant William H. Day who this week was promoted to that grade from staff sergeant.

Sgt. Day is the senior non-commissioned officer of the Letterman laboratory and a man who has had more than 25 years of experience in laboratory work.

Sgt. Day was born at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, went to school there and worked in that vicinity until the outbreak of war in Europe sent him to Columbus, Ohio, where he enlisted in the 9th Cavalry. When the United States entered the war, the unit was transferred to the Philippine Islands and stationed at Camp Statsenburg. It was here the Sgt. developed his first interest in medical and laboratory work. He was successful in gaining a transfer into the Medical Department with which he has since served.

He was sent immediately to Sternberg General Hospital, Manila, to attend a course in laboratory tech-

nology and remained there as a worker in the hospital laboratories until 1923.

He was then transferred back to the United States and came directly to Letterman where he has been ever since. A second class specialist, the equivalent of a corporal, when he arrived, Sgt. Day has been promoted successively to first class specialist, staff sergeant and now technical sergeant during his stay at this hospital.

In addition to his duties as laboratory technician and supervisor of the laboratory's enlisted personnel, Sgt. Day also has direct charge of the hundreds of rabbits, mice and guinea pigs used for experimental purposes, and supervises their feeding and care.

No man could possibly be more modest about his accomplishments than the Sergeant, but there is a note of pride in his voice when he speaks of his long career in the Army.

Sgt. Day is married and resides with his wife in Berkeley. He's looking forward with anticipation to the day, less than a year away now, when he will be eligible for retirement after 30 years of service to his country.

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Congratulations are in order for the following new PFC's: Ambrose Jackson, Richard Rogers, Roy C. Lee, Montell W. Wilson, Pleasant Fractious, Julius J. Clay, Perry Dugger, Obie Hines, Curtis D. Howard, Thomas E. Jackson, Oswald G. Talbert, George Redix, Fred O. White, Walter McCullough, Andrew L. Clayton and Richard H. Winn.

T/4th Gr. Davis Turner has shaken hands with so many of his buddies, complimenting him on his promotion, that he is seriously considering using his left hand from now on.

Sgt. Austin has made the local group look to their laurels in the field of billiards and straight pool. He is a whizz!

The 717th is definitely on the beam. We are sporting two vehicles, a jeep and a truck. Thanks to the alert office of personnel of our group.

The 717th basketball group in a post-season game with Co. "A" of Camp Knight, gave them a sound thrashing to the tune of 29-21; thereby gaining a bit of revenge for their only loss to the 779th M.P.'s.

Cpl. Charles Cook is fast winning the admiration and respect of his superior officers and his buddies by displaying a keen knowledge in handling men both at work and at play.

The rapid progress of the schools conducted by Lts. Henderson and Chadman, Sgts. John H. Smith, Willie E. Reid, and George Austin, is rounding the 717th into compact unity.

EMERGENCY RELIEF

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second floor of the Administration
Building. The local Director is the
Post Chaplain.

Wide publicity will be given to the field covered by the A. E. R. and it is hoped that everyone will be familiar both with the location of the office and the broad scope of activity centering there.



To Corporal and Mrs. Raymond W. Guinn, a daughter, Patricia Ann Guinn, born April 6, weight six pounds, six ounces.

To Private and Mrs. Anthony B. Polock, a daughter, Zoe Anna Polock, born April 7, weight eight pounds, two ounces.

To Major and Mrs. William Franklin, a daughter, Patricia Ellen Franklin, born April 7, weight seven pounds, fourteen ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. John M. Christensen, a son, John Moore Christensen III, born April 9, weight eight pounds, four ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Robert H. Anderson, a son, Fred Perry Anderson, born April 9, weight seven pounds, 12 ounces.

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. Alex A. Murillo, a daughter, Rita Jean Murillo, born April 10, weight eight pounds, eight ounces.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Andrew B. Coshal, a daughter, born April 12, weight nine pounds.

Awarded 'Soldier's Medal' for Heroism

Captain Louis H. Block, Medical Corps, AUS., has been awarded the Soldier's Medal for outstanding heroism, according to an announcement of the Commanding General, Alaskan Defense Command.

Captain Block, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, succeeded in disarming an enlisted man armed with .45 calibre pistol, who was threatening a group of officers and men with that weapon. By his action the captain prevented possible injury or death to one or more of the group.

In the words of the citation accompanying the award "the heroism displayed by Captain Block on that occasion reflected great credit on himself and on the military service."

Captain Block is a native of Philadelphia, Penna.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Once again Uncle Sam is asking for a loan. This time he requests THIRTEEN BILLION DOLLARS and he needs it for the best cause in the world, to win this war. We must realize that every item used in the prosecution of this conflict costs the government good hard cash. Every shell used to sink a "Nip" battleship and every bomb dropped in Hitler's lap must be paid for before delivery. It would be a shame to hold up delivery of such vital gifts for our enemies.

It is true that we all can't go to the battle fronts, but those of us who must stay at home can do their share by putting equipment in the hands of the men and women who represent us on the front lines.

Buying a War Bond helps, but it is the CONTINUOUS purchases that fills the bill. Here at Letterman we have a payroll deduction plan that provides for a continuous deduction for bonds. The civilian employees at this organization can take advantage of this easy pay plan at any time, but NOW is the best time to subscribe. Sign up for at least 10 per cent of your total pay now and send your dollars to war; they'll come back bringing others with them.



The Helene Hughes dancers from the Warfield Theater do a routine at Letterman and later pose with some of the patients. The patients as they appear from left to right are: Pvt. Antonio L. Esposito, Pvt. William K. Gillaspy, Pvt. Floyd L. Bales. Corporal Delmar L. Archainbault, Pvt. Arthur H. Vargas and Pvt. Ray B. Cargile.

Letterman Keglers In Form—They Lose Two in New League

Dropping two games out of three, the Letterman bowling team bowed to the Reichlin Service Station club in the first games of the 890 Classic Bowling league which got under way Tuesday evening at the Bagdad alleys at Fillmore and Ellis streets.

Intact from a season of play in the Winter League in which the Medics contested so successfully, they are now entered in one of the fastest leagues in the city. Only the 925 Classic league is considered to be stronger than the one in which Letterman is now playing. The city champion bowlers are entered in the Bagdad alley contests and the season promises to be a very hotly contested one. As an example of the high type of bowling in the league, Woloski's Service team has maintained a team average of well over 190 with one player, Markovich, throwing a 701 triple for an average of more than 233 a game.

Sgt. Henry Kuntz and Cpl. Frank Marano were nip and tuck for high honors for the Medics with Kuntz getting a 591 to edge Marano's 588 total. The scores for the two teams were all well above 900. Sgt. Mottier ran into a little trouble and a lot of bad luck by knocking out a lot of splits to total 496.

The scores of the games are as follows:

REICHLIN'S SERVICE

O'Reilly	225	172	195	592				
Reichlin	180	139	167	486				
Gaynor	182	215	214	611				
Persson	161	150	183	494				
Bean	165	232	175	572				
Totals	913	908	936	2757				
LETTERMAN HOSPITAL								
Marano	200	206	182	588				
Yohe	174	194	189	557				
Wilcox	175	179	168	522				
Mottier	161	170	165	496				
Kuntz	201	189	201	591				
Totals	911	938	905	2754				

If you haven't gotten around
to buying a Second War Loan
Bond, stop and think what it
would mean to you if our soldiers hadn't gotten round to
the fight.



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Pvt. Elmer Kissel Receives Award of Purple Heart Medal

The country's oldest service medal, the Order of The Purple Heart was presented Private Elmer E. Kissel last Monday for wounds received in action against enemy forces in the Buna Mission battle of the South Pacific islands. Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding General of Letterman Hospital presented the medal to him and the citation was read by Major Frank R. Day, Adjutant.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Pvt. Kissel was inducted in January of 1942 and was assigned to a west coast Infantry training center where he completed a six month training course. There was another six month course waiting him on manuevers when he was shipped over-seas to Australia.

From Australia Pvt. Kissel was sent to Port Moresby and was present at the very beginning of hostilities in this region. He saw continous action for five months against the Japs and this period carried him right up until three days before hostilities ceased in this sector and he was wounded.

Pvt. Kissel, with his outfit, pushed from Port Moresby through the tall Owen Stanley range of mountains, and he states that fighting was heavy around the Oro Bay region for nearly two months. They continued to advance to the Buna Mission district and it was here that he was a target for a Jap sniper.

As Pvt. Kissel puts it, a bullet plowed into the ground beside him and he knew from the angle that



Brigadier General Frank W. Weed pinning the Purple Heart on the tunic of Private Elmer E. Kissel as 2nd Lieutenant Ruth Wagner, ANC stands by.

right. He moved for cover but not before an explosive bullet had found its mark and torn his upper left arm. His companions took care of the sniper and then attended to him.

After his wound was cared for by the medics in the field and by the mobile field hospital attendants he was packed out of the hills on a litthere was a sniper in the trees to his ter by the natives—they made the return with her.

full eight miles in two and half hours -after which he was flown through the pass to Port Moresby, then Australia and home by boat.

Pvt. Kissel is anxiously awaiting the time when he may be released and return to St. Louis. His mother has been visiting with him here and he would like nothing better than to

Press and Radio Get Close up View of Hospital in Action

A plan conceived by the Army to acquaint the public with the operation of all units of the Army through the medium of the newspapers and radio occasioned a press tour of Letterman Hospital last Tuesday. The tour was conducted by the hospital's Commanding General, Brigadier General Frank W. Weed to demonstrate the functionings of an Army General Hospital.

Mr. Norman Montellier of the Associated Press. Mr. Joseph F. Quinn of the San Francisco Call Bulletin and Mr. C. A. Powell of the San Francisco Examiner were the Press representatives and were escorted by Major Robert S. Brown, Office of Technical Information, Army Service Force and Major A. E. Gilbert, Public Relations Officer and Chief Warrant Officer Garrison P. Grover, Officer in Charge of the Photographic Laboratory, Headquarters Ninth Service Command.

The tour began at 9:30 a. m. and extended through the entire day. All services were visited by the party and the actual functioning of departments were observed under ordinary conditions. Also demonstrations of amputation cases, use of sulfonamides, treatment of surface wounds and burns and other surgical and medical treatments described. At one o'clock a halt was called and the party was served luncheon.

The tour was not confined to any one section of the hospital but included surveys of the activities in the east and main hospital sections as well as a tour of the Medical Technicians School.

The tour was concluded after the group had observed a casualty drill and then gathered in the Officers Hall for a critique.

COL. THORNBURG ADDED MUCH TO LGH IN HIS TOUR AS C. O.

The history of Letterman Hospital. like that of all institutions, falls naturally into periods. The war with Spain which the United States waged in 1898 brought the institution into existence. From that date until the conclusion of the First World War in 1918 Letterman passed through all the phases of the first period of its

With the coming of peace after the defeat of Germany, the institution began what now appears as the second period, an era of development after the first foundations had been firmly laid

An individual whose contribution to the building of Letterman during the second period was Colonel Robert M. Thornburg, who commanded the hospital in 1919.

Colonel Thornburg was born on March 13, 1872, at Omaha, Nebraska, After attending St. Paul School at Garden City, New York, from which he was graduated in 1880, he entered the Scientific Department of Dartmouth College in 1891 and graduated in 1894. He then entered the Dartmouth School of Medicine and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1897.

Colonel Thornburg's interest was in surgery and he continued his education in that field first at the New York Lying-In Hospital in New York City, and later at the Harvard University Medical School.

On March 20, 1900, he became a contract surgeon with the United States Army, thereby establishing a connection with the military service which was severed only by death. At that time the United States forces were engaged in the Philippine Campaign and it was there that the young doctor was sent, and where he remained during the year 1900 to 1901. This was Colonel Thornburg's first tour of duty in the Philippines, but it was not his last. He served in the islands twice more, from 1905 to 1907 and from 1913 to 1915.

On July 29, 1901, he became an active member of the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army when he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was promoted to captain on June 29, 1906, to major on April 7, 1910, and to lieutenant colonel on May 15, 1917. He became a colonel in the National Army on December 21, 1917.

Colonel Thornburg's first tour of duty at Letterman began in January, 1910, when he was appointed Chief of the Surgical Service. He



COLONEL ROBERT M. THORNBURG

held the position until April, 1913, when he was transferred to the Department Hospital, Manila, where he served in the same capacity until September of 1915.

During the punitive expedition against Mexico which immediately preceeded the First World War, Colonel Thornburg was regimental surgeon for the 11th Cavalry.

He served from August 24, 1917, to November 13, 1918, in France as divisional surgeon of the 87th Division. When the Armistice was declared, Colonel Thornburg assumed command of the Justice Hospital Group at Toul, France, a post he held from November 13, 1918 until May 15, 1919 when he was ordered back to the United States, arriving June 2, 1919.

Immediately upon his arrival in this country he was directed to proceed to Letterman Hospital to assume the command of the institution.

Thornburg held not only the post of Commanding Officer but that of Chief of the Surgical Service as well.

Some idea of the work done and the reforms instituted in the Surgical Service during Colonel Thornburg's stay at the hospital may be gained from an account published in "The History of Letterman Hospital," a volume which was published during the period of Colonel Thornburg's command.

"During the latter part of June and the first part of July, 1919," the account says, "the Surgical Service took over the entire hospital as it had existed prior to the declaration of war against the Central European Powers, with the exception of the isolation, prison and psychiatric wards."

Colonel Thornburg's stay at Letterman was not long in duration, but his accomplishments during that period mark one of the brightest During his stay here, Colonel pages in the history of the hospital.

THOUGHTS OF A WAR MOTHER

I watched him grow up To a lad strong and tall. Then I saw him go out And answer the call. Now I sit here and dream Of the days that are gone And the days yet to come When I have to go on.

I think of the times When I sat up at night And mended a sled Or a broken up kite There was always a hole In the toe of his sock And the tip of his shoes Seemed to hit every rock.

I nursed him through Chicken pox, measles and mumps Dried away all his tears And rubbed all his bumps. I helped smoothe away Almost all of his troubles The big awful things That turned out to be bubbles. But I know that I'm not All alone in my woe There is many a mother Who is lonely I know Who sits by the fire And wipes away tears And longs for a message From one of her dears.

But since they have gone May they clean things up right So there never will have to Be anymore fight.

So that mothers in future Will have the great joy Of knowing they won't Have to give up their boy.

FRANCIS S. LEGROW

ANSWERS TO YANKWIZ

- 1. No. Only one hair can grow in each follicle.
- 2. Yes. There are many members of the orchid family that are native to the United States.
- 3. Because she has a child under 18.
 - 4. Three.
- 5. You should shorten it.
- 6. The SPARS.
- 7. All three.
- 8. She could have been just smell-



FLIGHT NURSES HAVE EXTENSIVE WARDROBE-Training for service in the newest and perhaps the most spectacular war activity open to the women of the United States is the Evacuation Group of flight nurses, Army Nurse Corps, Kentucky. They minister to wounded soldiers being carried by air ambulances from active theaters to hospitals far behind the lines. Their arms loaded with

heavy winter flying suits, these flying nurses of the Army Nurse Corps, march to their plane for a training flight. They are, left to right: Anna G. Ranahan, Buchanan, Michigan; Patricia E. Corrigan, Chicago, Illinois; Ruth V. Finnio, Youngstown, Ohio; Geraldine L. Curtis, Warika, Oklahoma, and Irene Mc-Mullen, Macon, Georgia; all are second lieu-

Government Plans Jobs for Soldiers When War Is Over

Don't get grey hairs, men, worrying about that job when the war's won. According to a statement made recently by Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson, the Army intends to rehabilitate each man to the best of its facilities

There is no guarantee that every man in the military ranks will be given a job following the world conflict, but the subject of demobilization has already become a matter of serious study by the War Department.

"There will be an urge to let down after the fast pace we maintained to win this war; to dump men willynilly back into civilian life; to let them find a job as best they can and where they can," stated Mr. Patterson.

The War Department maintains records of each man according to his occupation and profession. If, following the war, 100 steamfitters are needed on a job, 100 steamfitters vised of the opportunity.

Y. M. C. A.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24:

10:15 a.m. SWIM for the boys on the Post

8:00 a.m. DANCE to the music of the 4TH ARMY DANCE ORCHESTRA

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 25:

6:00 p.m. "QUEEN OF THE PAMPAS," film in color and sound of South America.

7:40 p.m. VESPER SERVICES. with Chaplain Long, Senior Chaplain of the Harbor Defenses

8:30 p.m. SPECIAL EASTER MUSICAL PRO-GRAM, with Doris Kaul, soloist, Rosalie Haslett, harpist, and the String Ensemble of the San Francisco Music Club.

9:15 p.m. ALL SING-with Vera Frazier and Ed Rick-

about to be discharged will be ad-

"YANKWIZ"

- 1. You've heard the old saying that every time you pull out a gray hair, two grow back in. Is it true that two hairs can grow where one grew before?
- 2. Do orchids grow wild in the United States?
- 3. I have a friend named Wanda who wants to join the WAVES. She is 35 years old. Her husband is a Captain in the Army and they have a little girl of 9. Why isn't she eligible.
- 4. In cookery, how many teaspoons are there in a standard tablespoon?
- 5. If a clock is running too slowly, what change should you make in the length of the pendulum?
- 6. The Army has the WAACs, the NAVY has the WAVES, what does the Coast Guard have?
- 7. Hens can lay eggs in how many of these three colors-white, brown and blue?

(Answers to Yankwiz on Page 2) children.

Jerry McGuire, KGO Star, Invites LGH **Patients to Listen**



Jerry McGuire, Master of Ceremonies of the "Visiting Hour."

A new radio program designed for men in the armed forces and particularly for patients in military hospitals is now being aired over station KGO, San Francisco, each Thursday from 3:30 to 4:00 p. m. It's called "The Visiting Hour" and is conducted by Jerry McGuire, whose business is voicing service men's programs. McGuire is a veteran radio performer and has done over twelve thousand radio shows for troops, mostly in Hawaii where he spent several years.

Of his new program, Jerry says, "This, believe me, is my favorite show. It's just a casual half hour clambake of stuff and nonsense designed to while away a few minutes for the fellows in local hospitals and rest homes who are takin' it easyafter takin' it hard.

"Naturally, we're featuring music. So if anyone has a favorite band or number they want to hear or dedicate to someone-I'm asking that they 'shoot me a line care of KGO. We're also running a contest that should hand us some laughs. Other features too numerous to mention here have been worked out, too. Just give the show a listen to find out about 'em."

On the "Visiting Hour," Jerry Mc-Guire also plans to have as his guest many of the celebrities who come to San Francisco.

McGuire is a veteran radio man, having more than 12,000 hours on the air to his credit and has broadcasted over 1,240 program for members of the armed forces. He's 33 years old, a native of Oregon, married to an ex-nurse and has two

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

PRECIOUS LIBERTY

Out of the fullness of our liberties we will contribute during these times, as one casts bread upon the waters, in order that the liberties themselves may be preserved and restored. made more precious by the sufering and sacrifices of men and women. Out of our sustenance and minds and hearts we will contribute, again casting bread upon the waters, in order that during our lives we may help our nation and our world to maintain a truer course and to prevent it from being driven away from the path of light that has been given as our guide, if we will only follow it.

In this way, with no selfishness or bitterness, with no evil motive or desire, we join with all nations that have been attacked and with men of good will everywhere to defend and to reassert and re-establish a reign of law as opposed to a rule of force and oppression.

While we are doing this, and however long it may take, and however infinite the details of its accomplishment, we can, if we will, keep in order the household from external aggression, we may even enlarge and replenish it by opening wider its door to the King who is ready to dwell therein if we will only permit him to do so. He is always upon the threshold, however dreary the day or stark the night. (Solicitor General Charles Fahy)



During the past week we welcomed two additions to our staff who are at Letterman on their first assignment in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve:

Mrs. HARRIET CECILIA LOWE was born in Los Angeles, California and attended high school at Huntington Park. She took her nurses training at the California Hospital in Los Angeles and after graduating in 1927 took a post graduate course in surgery at that hospital. She did general duty for three years and then retired from nursing for two years. For a year Mrs. Lowe worked in a doctor's office, leaving there to do private duty in Los Angeles. Last week she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps and came to Letterman.

Miss ANNIE ELLEN KINSMAN was born in North Fork, Cailfornia and remained in her hometown until she left for Tucson High School in Tucson, Arizona, to complete her last two years of high school. She returned to California and went into training at the Fresno General Hospital and graduated in 1934. Miss Kinsman then joined the staff of the Ahwahnee Sanatorium in Madera County; she was there for over a year, leaving to do general duty. Last week, through the American Red Cross, she joined the Army Nurse Corps.

ELIZABETH W. SCHEIDER was born in the "granite" State-Vermont-and Island Pond is her hometown. She attended the Lyndon Institute in Lyndonville, Vermont, and after graduating she went for her nurses training to the Southampton Hospital on Long Island, completing her training in 1931. For ten years she did private duty and in 1940 returned to Southampton Hospital to do general duty. She joined the Army Nurse Corps in February of 1942 at Boston, Mass., and was assigned to Fort Devens in Massachusetts-remaining there until April when she was transferred to Camp Edwards, Mass. In May of last year she went on overseas duty to the land "down-under" and was there until last month when she left to reurn to the United States.

THE OD OBSERVER OD SAW

Captain Wayne M. Akers establishing a difficult precedent for his successors some day. He likes to pay people.

Lieut. Audrey E. Osterhus walking in the cool of the late afternoon with dark glasses. Not exactly a complete disguise for little Audrey.

Pvt. "Tony" Esposito, the Great Profile, and his partner, Pvt. Bill Gillaspy, working overtime to further the sale of War Bonds.

Major Joseph S. McGuiness introducing Dr. John Westfall to the well known Turkish baths at the Olympic Club. Both coming out clean.

Lieut. June Vogel in the market for a "scooter" with plenty of bounce to it.

A post card from 1st Lieut. Orah D. Stephenson, now Chief Nurse at the Army Air Force Hospital located in the Miami Biltmore Hotel at Coral Gables, Florida. We still prefer California and San Francisco.

PFC. John Mattison having a lot of trouble in keeping his feet on the ground.

Miss Clara Dayton, Army Hostess at the Presidio, leading the 53rd Infantry Band in the first public performance of her own marching son.

PFC. Joseph Topping, long time patient on F-2, moving off to Springfield, Missouri, with the good wishes of every one for a speedy recovery.

Moving Pictures

Tuesday and Wednesday,

YANKEE DOODLE DANDY—
James Cagney and Joan Leslie.
Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday,

FOR ME AND MY GAL — Judy Garland and George Murphy. Also Short Subjects.

Saturday and Sunday,

ANDY HARDY'S DOUBLE LIFE

-Mickey Rooney and Ann
Rutherford.

Also Short Subjects.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, April 25, 1943
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Confessions before all Masses.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00

a. m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

37th Gen. Hospital 'Pulse' Is Strong; Col. Nichol Is CO

Through the medium of the first issue of the new station hospital newspaper "Pulse"—official news sheet of the 37th General Hospital, it is revealed that Colonel William W. Nichol is now Commanding Officer of that hospital.

Remembered at Letterman Hospital as Executive Officer of the Surgical Service, Chief of the Obstetrical Section and Chief of Anesthesia and Operating Section, the then Major Nichol left Letterman just about a year ago by transfer to Camp Grant, Illinois.

Congratulations are extended Colonel Nichol in his new command by members of this hospital who served with him at Letterman.



To Warrant Officer and Mrs. Stanley Baker, a daughter, Stanley Mildred Baker, born April 14, weight seven pounds, eleven ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. Leo M. Strong, a daughter, Carolyn Ruth Strong, born April 18, weight seven pounds, eight ounces.

To Technician Fourth-Grade and Mrs. Thomas Woodward, a daughter, Theresa D'Elight Woodward, born April 19, weight seven pounds, one ounce.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph E. Connor, a daughter, Lynda Frances Connor, born April 19, weight seven pounds.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



PVT. JOHN CHRISTENSEN

Fishing is living for Pvt. John Christensen, our Buck of the Week. It all came about by his having been born and raised in the town of Rio Vista, California, which is, he modestly states, the heart of the finest fishing country in the state of California-which, of course, really means the whole world. The biggest annual event in Rio Vista's civil life is the annual Striped Bass Derby, which has attracted thousands of fishermen every year and has established itself as a California institution.

The facts in our Buck's life are plain and unadorned. He went to school in Rio Vista and then went to work for the California State Highway Commission in the maintenance department. That was back in 1934. He held the job continuously until the draft got him, working in about every job that highway work affords.

It was on August 31, 1942, that Pvt. Christensen's friends and neighbors, as it says on the draft summons, finally closed in on him. The draft board gave him a ticket to the Presidio of Monterey and the sensible advice not to dismount in transit. Four days afterward he was on his way to Letterman Hospital.

Since then he has worked in a large percentage of the wards of this hospital, and is currently serving in O-1.

Pvt. Christensen likes hunting and basketball next to fishing. He says the most comforting thought in the world is that his old job with the Highway Commission is waiting for him when the war is over.

The Inquiring Line—

Q. What is the penalty for a fraudulent enlistment?

A. Any person who has procured himself to be enlisted in the military service of the U. S. by means of willful misrepresentation or concealment as to his qualifications for enlistment and has received pay or allowance under such enlistment shall be punished as a court martial may direct. Such an enlistment is not void but voidable only at the opplement her income by working, tion of the Government.

Q. I've heard all about the WAACS, WAVES, WAFS, etc., but here's a new one on me—the the Army because of a physical disability and would like to know the Army because of a physical the allowance.

A. The WIRES are civil service Army to replace men as instruc- clothes away, and don't have any tors and technicians. The initials money to buy new ones until I get stand for Women in Radio and a job. What's the answer? Electrical Service.

awarded by the Government.

Honor is the highest decoration insignia from your uniform, ingiven to an officer or enlisted man wear it as long as you wish.

Q. When were mobile cannons "who in action involving actual first used? conflict with an enemy distinA. They were first used by the guishes himself conspicuously by British in the Battle of Crecy, gallantry and intreplitity at the risk of his life and beyond the call to duty."

> Q. My mother, a widow, is now getting an allowance from the Government. She wrote me recently that she has a tough time making ends meet, even though she is getting the allowance, and wants to go to work. If she did, would this prevent her from getting the allowance?

> without jeopardizing her right to

appointees being trained by the my uniform. I gave all of my old clothes away, and don't have any

A. Under no condition should you wear your uniform for more O. What is the highest medal than 90 days after discharge. If after that time you still can't af-A. The Congressional Medal of ford civilian clothes, remove all awarded by the Government. It is cluding buttons; then you can





PVT. RALPH PIETROPAOLO

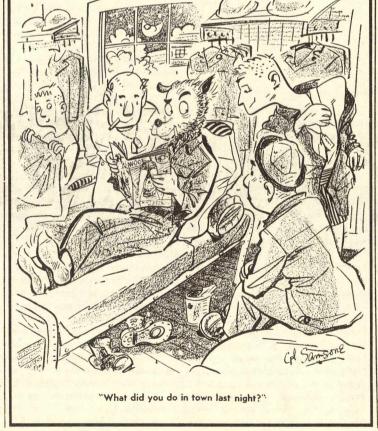
One of the chief treasons why printers get gray before their time is that they're forced to figure out names like the one sported by this week's "On the Spot" man, Pvt. Ralph Pietropaolo. Translated into the English language it becomes Peter-Paul which really isn't so bad.

Pvt. Pietropaolo is a denizen of Ward No. 1, while recuperating from an appendectomy which laid him low a few weeks ago. He is supposed to be a student in the Medical Division of the Letterman Enlisted Technicians School, but he only got started on his studies when forced to enter the hospital.

Pietropaolo is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and ardently wishes that he was there right now. He has been in the Army for about five months, and has really covered a lot of ground in a comparative'y short time. From Pennsylvania he went to Florida, where he spent two months and got himself promoted to Private First-Class before pushing off for Georgia and another short stay. From Georgia he was sent west and wound up in Utah for a little while before coming on to Letterman.

He likes the Medical Corps to work in, but the role of patient doesn't appeal to him and he seems to care little who knows it.

He's interested in the usual sports that young men go in for, including football and basketball. One thing he would like very much to do is to get out of the hospital and see something of San Francisco.



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A welcome is extended the following men who joined this detachment during the week. They are: Raymond B. Voss, George L. Trippon, Henry D. Schockley, Lee Wilder, Lennis C. Keaton, Herbert H. Piercey and Kenneth L. Dickens.

The best of luck to the following men who left during the week: T/4th gr. Jerry M. Gorby and Pvt. Elwood D. Kirschner.

Discharged for the convenience of the government during the week was T/5th gr. Arthur L. Forcade. Best of luck to you, Art.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Charles W. Walton, appointed Staff Sergeant; Robert B. Larson and Paul H. Struthers, appointed Sergeants: Harry G. Thomas and Walter E. Behrens, appointed Technicians Fourth-Grade; and James C. Phillips, Cirilo R. Corrillo, Pete T. Vakasovich, Rex P. Davis, Mortimer K. Eisenger and Obie D. Skinner, appointed Privates First-Class.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

1st/Sgt. Cal Williams out of uniform-not only white socks but bedroom slippers - and on duty too. Tsk! Tsk!

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein trying to find a safe place for his wife while he goes on a trip.

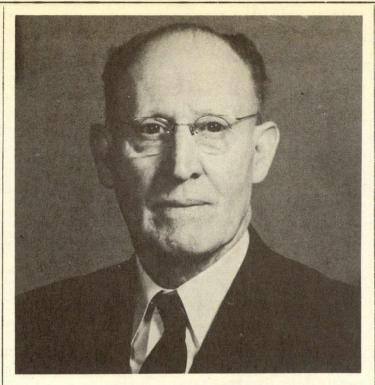
T/3rd gr. Charles Wilcox telling Pvt. Gordon Lockwood that bowling is the sport which will help him to develop his finger muscles so he can deal cards better.

Fyt. William Taylor introducing a very charming young lady to the members of the Detachment office.

Sgt. Merle West being rushed by members of the school and the Detachment to sign up for volley ball.

That Pvt. Gabriel Barrios is taking so much interest in going to the beach on his day off.

That there is only one part of the country as far as football is concerned-the midwest-quote the Detachment office.



Mr. HARRY J. TOBOLOW Chief Barber in the East Hospital

This is the story of "Harry the Barber." Practically everyone at Letterman knows him by that name, and almost no one knows what his real name is. He is the genial head barber of the field hospital barber shop. It was just 24 years ago, on April 1, 1919, that Harry J. Tabolow-that's his true name, by the way-first went to work here.

He did a lot of other things before he came here, however. He has been a professional baseball player, broke broncs in Oklahoma. drove a dog-sled in Alaska, been a broker, an apartment house owner, and heaven knows what else, in addition to the profession of barbering.

Harry thinks his first year at Letterman, 1919, was the best. The war had just ended and Letterman had a baseball team. And what a baseball team! Harry was the manager and the roster of players included the names of Alvin Crowder, later one of the American League's great pitchers with the Washington Senators; "Chuck" Klein, one of the greatest batsmen in National League history with Philadelphia, and 40 games that season and were never the Oakland Acorns and most of the "might think I was a roughneck."

other professional clubs of the West

Though he talks little about it, Harry himself was quite a ballplayer. He broke into the professional game back in the 1880's with Buffalo in the old International League, destined later to be renamed the American League. He played later with Rochester and with the old New York Highlanders, the forerunners of the Yankee team of the present American cir-

Whatever it is that makes cowboys. Indians and all the rest seem romantic to Easterners lured Harry to Oklahoma. There he made a name for himself as a rider of wild horses, a job that's a little tougher than barbering, he says. He spent eight years on the job and left only to go to Alaska where he drove a dog-sled to carry the mail over the frozen wastes.

His San Francisco experiences included running a string of apartment houses and barber shops before moving in to Letterman.

Harry is not a man to talk much about his experiences, particularly for publication. Although he has many more. They played more than led a life filled with enough experience and adventure for half a beaten, although their opponents dozen men, he'd prefer not to have included the San Francisco Séals, it mentioned. "People," he says,

SPECIAL

Tuesday afternoon the School was honored by an inspection from Brigadier General Weed and a group of distinguished visitors. Accompanied by the School Commandant, Colonel Ervin, the guests made a tour of all the sections, observing the students in the classrooms at their various courses of study

INTERESTING TO SEE . . .

Tech. 4th Gr. George Hopple and Tech. 5th Gr. Bruce Sloan describing the gay times they had while enjoying their three-day passes.

Business falling off at the Field Mess in the evenings since the Duty Personnel all seem to favor the Car-Stop Grill.

Sgt. Daniel "Town-Crier" Mahoney sitting in the C. Q. office shouting false accusations and rumors to the world.

All the non-coms wide-eved . . . wondering if they are to be shipped from the School since the order came out to have all barracks bags stamped with name, serial number, etc.

The excellent specimens loaned to Captain Harry Haver, instructor in the Medical School, from the University of California.

T/6th Gr. George Choate going high-hat" since his recent luncheon and shopping date with famed Mitzi Mayfair. He claims some family connection.

The cooperation and interest of all students while unloading a transport just in from places unknown.

T/4th Gr. Maurice Deitz fresh from a trip back East where he helped convoy a patient-incidentally, a General at that-and not to forget that coveted four days elay at home.

Q. M. NEWS



The birthday of a well-known and admired man of Letterman was observed April 14 by our veterans. His name is Jay Y. Connell, Post Electrician, a Sergeant. Jay is proud of the fact that, now at the age of 57, he is in his 26th year of service in the U.S. Army. He had his first peek at the world in 1886 at New Castle, Pa. When he was four years old, his parents took him to Sharon, of the same state, where he was educated. From 1911 to 1917, he lived and worked in Los Angeles, and on Christmas Eve of 1917, enlisted in the Army, being inducted at Fort McDowell. Army duties carried him to Hawaii in the following January, but the stay was brief due to injury while on duty. He was brought back to the States and became a patient of Letterman. Upon recovery, he served at Camp Fremont, California, and then back to Letterman-but this time not as a patient. His duties began in the Medical Corps, but in April of 1920 his re-enlistment began his career in the QM Corps. This led to his appointment as Sergeant. Sgt. Connell is an active member of the Masons, Seal Rock Lodge No. 536. He is known as a "regular guy" by all who work with him. We hope there will be many more birthdays for the Sergeant and for his services with Uncle Sam.

While handing out good luck tokens, we can't forget Pvt. Harvey Francis, Cpl. "Barney" Dooley and Sgt. "Pat" Passarrelli, all of the Property Section, who are ill in the hospital. The remaining member of the Property family miss each of the boys and sincerely hope to see them back on the job soon.

Congratulations are on the board for our Motor Transportation Officer and Chief of Transportation, Lt. Willis Parrish, who is stepping from the 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt. rank.

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Buy More War Bonds Today



THE MAN WHO KEEPS 'EM ROLLING ADDS A CHEVRON TO HIS SLEEVE



GEORGE J. DEVINE Staff Sergeant, Medical Corps

of Sergeant to that of Staff Sergeant is George J. Devine, and with that promotion Sgt. Devine takes over as Non Commissioned Officer in charge of transportation at Letterman Hospital.

With the new responsibilities attached to the "Chief" in the garage, Sgt. Devine has discovered that his worries never cease. It is his job to oversee the maintenance, records, driver assignments and the hundred and one jobs that go with keeping the pool's 28 vehicles and 37 enlisted men doing what they're supposed to be doing when they're supposed to be doing it. However, his ability in the past is an indication that it will not be an obstacle to hurdle but another step up the ladder of success for him.

He was born April 5, 1914, at Bisbee, Arizona, but moved to Oakland at an early age. When the draft came along he was working in the sales department of the Coca-Cola company there, following his graduation from an Oakland high school.

He came to Letterman via the Reception Center at the Presidio of Monterey in Late February, 1941, and has been on duty at the hospital ever since . . . and at the garage.

Recently promoted from the grade | a driver, but worked as a dispatcher and did a little of everything in his climb up the 'success' ladder. As head of the organization now, he goes around seeing to it that the 13 ambulances, 8 trucks, 3 sedans, 2 carryalls, and 2 pickups which the garage possesses are kept rolling and doing the jobs assigned to them, and that the 26 drivers, 3 mechanics and 4 NCO's serving under him are on their toes. He does!!!

> Once every three months every piece of equipment in the garage is gone over thoroughly by inspecting mechanics from the Corps Area headquarters. Sgt. Devine is very proud of the record which his organization established at the last inspection when they passed with a 2.2 percentage of mechanical deficiencies, one of the lowest in the area. The figure represents a tremendous reduction over the previous inspection report when they had a 6.0 percentage.

Sgt. Devine is married and celebrated his first wedding anniversary a week ago last Tuesday. An athletic individual, he once was star performer on the Letterman soft ball club, but marriage and the increased work at the garage have ended all that. "Now," he says, "I go home in my spare time, if any, Sgt. Devine came to the garage as and I really mean, 'if any'."

The 717th enjoyed the company of the USO manager, Mrs. White, and a friend, Mrs. Edwards. Mrs. White brought stationery, miniature scriptures and pamphlets for the company. The 717th extends its bouquet to the Buchanan USO and its personnel. Everything was highly appreciated.

These men are doing things at Letterman proper, in many fields of endeavor. They are Fufus Felder, carpenter; Ambrose Jackson, diet kitchen; Richard Rogers, general mess; and Richard Winn, general mess. We wish them well.

The company lost a friend and soldier in the person of Master Sergeant George D. Austin when he left for a new post. Compliments to the fortunate company to which he goes.

Sensational—the conversation between the 1st Sergeant, Smith, and his men: "Gentlemen, you will soldier or else."

Commonplace - Roy Thompson and Howard Franklin discussing Shakespeare and his works.

Unusual-all of the 717th meeting a perfect inspection.

Perfect-Curtis Howard, Charles Vaughn, Coleman Kenner, Cornelius Brown, Louis Dunbar and Jimmie Harvey, picked as the best soldiers in the aggregation.

SCOOP!!! Three fortunate soldiers will be favored with a trip through the city on the basis of their qualifications as good soldiers in the incoming week.



Leo H. Fogle Paul P. Hecht

OUR CAMERAMAN



Leslie J. King T/4th Grade, Signal Corps

T/4th Gr. Leslie J. King professes to be a sort of jack-of-all trades around the photo lab. "I'm really supposed to be the order clerk at the Presidio Signal Corps Office," he says, "handling the incoming and outgoing work for the laboratory, but I also function as an extra photographer and as general pinch hitter in all departments during rushes." From which we gather that Our Cameraman this week is nothing if not busy.

Sgt. King was born in Portland, Ore., approximately 29 years ago, but considers Everett, Washington, to be more like home. When called into the Army he was manager of the Everett Camera shop.

The draft provided Our Cameraman with his introduction to the military life at Fort Douglas, Utah, back in July, 1942—the 25th day of the month, to be exact. The Utahans apparently decided that they would like to have him around because they assigned him to the Eighth Signal Corps there.

On December 3 they concluded that they had made a mistake and dispatched him to the Presidio, giving as an excuse the need for training of the local personnel in the use of identification equipment. That, at any rate, is the way King tells it.

Like most photographers, King sort of drifted into the profession. He became interested in it first at the age of 13 as an amateur and has made it his profession since 1939.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

It is interesting to note the difference the overtime payments has made in the semi-monthly stipend. In most cases, the individual can now pay the Victory Tax, Retirement deduction, PLEDGE 10 per cent for BONDS, and still have more money to spend than he had before Overtime payment went into effect. The increase, however has had very little effect on our standing in the War Bond Campaign as we are still in 6th place. We sincerely hope that our lack of progress is due to the fact that the personnel do not realize the change that overtime payments has made and not due to their lack of desire to help in the War effort. In order to clear up any misunderstanding, our Facts and Figures Dept. has compiled the following chart. Cold clear figures showing that it is quite possible to increase our present quota and put us at the top.

- Column 1 This is the amount, before deductions, you now earn, including overtime, each pay period.
- Column 2 This is the amount deducted for retirement.
- Column 3 This is the amount deducted for Victory Tax.
- Column 4 This is the amount deducted for a 10 per cent War Bond Pledge to nearest multiple of \$1.25.
- Column 5 This is the amount you now have left each pay day with Retirement, Victory Tax and Bond Pledge all paid.
- Column 6 This is the amount you formerly had to spend each pay day before overtime was paid. Amount for retirement is deducted, but **nothing** for the Bonds.

Breakdown of Semi-monthly Pay

			Col.1	Col.2	Col.3	Col.4	Col.5	Col.6
If	you	earned	73.00	3.00	2.40	7.50	60.10	57.00
"	"	"	82.12	3.38	3.20	8.75	66.79	64.12
"	"	"	91.25	3.75	3.20	10.00	74.30	71.25
"	"	"	101.38	4.17	4.20	11.25	81.76	97.16
"	"	"	116.59	4.80	4.20	12.50	95.09	91.03
"	"	"	131.80	5.42	5.20	13.75	107.43	102.91
"	"	"	147.01	6.05	6.20	15.00	119.75	114.78
"	"		159.51	6.67	6.20	16.25	130.39	126.66
"	"	"	172.01	7.30	7.20	17.50	140.01	138.53
"	"	"	184.51	7.92	8.20	18.75	149.64	150.41

Two Out of Three Our Keglers See Go To Other Team

The Letterman bowling team took another two game loss at the Bagdad Alleys in the 890 Classic League when they mixed it with the Byington Electric Co. The Medics won the first game by a large margin and then lost the next two because of their continued missing spares.

Out of the three games bowled last night the medics had a total of thirty-three splits that were unable to be picked up and to include those that were picked up would bring the total well near the forty mark. Sgt. Mottier had the most and held his total pinnage down for low on the team.

Sgt. Wilcox barely beat Sgt. Kuntz out for high for the evening with a total score of 520 to 519. Marano was third high with a 511 pinfall.

In the San Francisco Chronicle Tournament being rolled at the Bagdad Alleys, Sgts. Kuntz and Wilcox are still in the midst of the battle, having beaten three of their opponnents to make the semi-finals to be rolled this Saturday evening. This tournament is played in a different manner than any other championship tournament in the city. All the bowlers are allowed to qualify for the first round if they get above the five hundred mark for three games and then each bowler plays one man and the loser is eliminated. This tournament is divided into six divisions, according to one's average; Sgt. Kuntz and Wilcox are in the second division. In the final round the winner from each division is handicapped from his average to make his total 200, so that each man has an equal chance to win. Last year a bowler in class four won the championship.

The results of the league play are:

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

Marano	175	156	180	511
Mottier	180	105	140	425
Yohe	188	131	168	487
Wilcox	173	153	194	520
Kuntz	187	181	151	519
Totals	903	726	833	2462

BYINGTON ELECTRIC

Sauy	188	189	146	523	
Garibaldi	155	166	192	513	
Dahl	161	142	179	482	
Bonucelli	134	150	195	479	
Lenihan	136	197	227	-	
Total -	774	911	030	2557	

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Joe E. Brown Meets Old Friends During Day's Visit Here

Last Saturday afternoon Joe E. Brown, movie comedian, paid a visit to Letterman Hospital, the first of a number of visits to Army and Navy camps and bases in the bay area. This visit to the bay area is the next-to-last stop for him in a tour of military bases which has taken him over most of the pacific

Although it was the first sight of Joe for many of the patients, it was more a reunion with the actor for many. Joe said that it looked as though at least fifty per cent of the patients were his 'friends' of long standing-having made the acquaintance of most of them at various outposts in the Pacific war zone which he had just visited.

Joe was welcomed at the hospital by the Post Chaplain who presented him to the commanding general, Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, and then a two-hour tour of the hospital was begun.

Everywhere it was the sameeveryone knew and spoke to Joe. Many times, as different patients were seen by the actor, he would say "let's see, now I met you in Hawaii - or Australia - How's the arm?" The remarkable memory of Joe for names and faces has made him scores of friends among the service men he has met during his visits to the far-flung bases in the Pacific area.

Many glamorous movie celebrities have called upon the patients of Letterman and are remembered for their graviousness and charm but the memory of Joe E. Brown's infectious grin, for which he is famous, will make those who have met him look forward to the pleasure of seeing him again sometimeand hope it will not be too long.



JOE E. BROWN adding his autograph to some of the Southwest Pacific paper currency and thereby giving it a value over here. Joe has just returned from an extended tour of the American bases in that sector and is renewing acquaintances with patients at Letterman whom he had known over there. Left to right: Pfc. Frank Krischner, Pvt. H. J. Yturralde, Pfc. Ray Steinfeld, Cpl. William Panuska, Cpl. August Piette, Joe E. Brown and Cpl. Joseph Brinkman.

STAGE DOOR CANTEEN INVITES ALL TO EAT DRINK AND BE MERRY

be provided for all men in uniform of the United Nations by the American Theatre Wing Stage Door Canteen which opened its doors at 430 Mason Street to all service men at 6:00 p. m., Thursday, April 29, and will remain open for the duration daily between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. All service men in uniform are invited, regardless of rank, race, creed, or color. Contrary to the mistaken opinion, Officers likewise will be admitted and are welcome at the Stage Door Canteen.

Upon entering the Canteen, the men will be given food checks and, after checking their hats and coats, will enter the Canteen proper, select their food in cafeteria style and will premises.

Free food and entertainment will | then be shown to a table by the Senior Hostess. They will be visited by Junior Hostesses who later will dance with them.

> The music for dancing will be provided by bands whose members belong to the Musicians' Union. The entertainers, sponsored by the Canteen, are members of four Actors' Guilds. Like the musicians, the entertainers furnish their services free of charge.

> The San Francisco Stage Door Canteen will be operated along the same lines as its prototypes located at New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Cleveland. Everything is free to the men in uniform. No money whatsoever can be spent on the

Letterman's Oldest **Patient Leaves For** Inland Hospital

When an east bound train left San Francisco on Monday evening it carried away from Letterman Hospital the dean of patients in point of service in that category. Private First Class Howard E. King, QMD, had been with us since the evening of December 31, 1941 when he arrived here from Honolulu.

Pvt. King was a member of the detachment on duty at the Fire Station at Hickman Field on that fateful Sunday morning of December 7th, 1941. At daybreak of that morn there were no fires in sight being a Sunday he was in no hurry to be up and about his duties.

The alarm sounded without prior warning shortly before 8 o'clock and it was not long before the Hickman Field fire department had a class one conflagration to contend with. It is one thing to fight a fire with water and hose but the occupation becomes complicated when there is the additional precaution of dodging bombs and bullets from zooming planes bearing enemy insignia.

Pvt. King and his fellow firemen responded to the alarm and he had been working but a few minutes when a bomb fragment hit him in the leg and he became a casualty. He was carried to Tripler Hospital in Honolulu and from there to Letterman by transport.

During his sixteen months as a patient here he ran up a record for operations but he was never known to complain. He had a cheerful smile for his companions on the ward and for the numerous visitors who called to help him while away the long hours of the average hospital day. As the "grand-daddy" among the patients he was invariably selected to meet visiting ce-

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THREE TIMES AT LGH. - - GEN. TRUBY HAS FINE RECORD

Popular stars are often recalled for repeat performances, and in other walks of life, too, the popularity of individuals is attested by their recall to an office or position they have once held previously. Brigadier General Albert F. Truby is an exception to even this, as he served at Letterman Hospital three times during his active career in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army; once as a Company Commander, 1905-09, and twice as Commanding Officer of the hospital, 1922-24 and

General Truby was born July 18, 1871 in New York State. He attended Cornell University and the University of Pennsylvania where he obtained his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees. He took his hospital training at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, and became a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Entering Army service in 1898 he was commissioned First Lieutenant and Assistant Surgeon on July 13th. His promotions to higher ranks were in this order: He was appointed Captain July 23, 1903; Major on May 1, 1908; Lieutenant Colonel on May 17, 1917; Colonel on May 17, 1917; and Brigadier General on January 1, 1933.

During the Spanish-American War General Truby served nearly three and a half years as Surgeon of the 8th Infantry in Cuba. This tour included duty at Havana, Camp Columbia and Cienfuegus.

While stationed at Camp Columbia, General Truby served as Commanding Officer of the hospital. At this time he was closely associated with Major Walter Reed and the Major's board during the experiments being conducted with yellow fever. General Truby also obtained valuable and extensive experience with typhoid fever, malaria and yellow fever during his assignment in Cuba.

In 1902 General Truby returned to the mainland and was assigned to West Point as Assistant Surgeon. Later he was transferred to Alcatraz Island, California, as Surgeon and was there until 1904.

His next move was his shortest in distance traveled. In 1905 he was assigned to Letterman Hospital from Alcatraz Island where he was placed in command of Company B, Hospital Corps, which provided field



ALBERT F. TRUBY Brigadier General, United States Army, Retired.

for the various maneuvers on the Pacific Coast. Later this Company was to play an important part in the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906.

When, on April 18, 1906, the city was shaken, the water mains broke and sanitation as well as the fire which ravaged the city became a problem with which the Army was forced to cope. The fire and tremor laid waste 497 city blocks, nearly 30,000 buildings, and the problem of caring for many thousands of persons fell to the Medical Corps of Letterman Hospital. For three days and nights people streamed into Golden Gate Park and the congregation of a hundred thousand persons in the park presented sanitation problems to which General Truby was assigned to solve.

In October, 1906 he was sent with Company B Hospital Corps as part of the expedition to Cuba with the Army of Cuban Pacification and in 1910-11 he served as Surgeon at Iloilo and Los Banos in the Philippine Islands.

During the three year period 1912-15 he was assigned as Surgeon, Fort Jay, New York; Attending Surgeon, Headquarters Eastern Department at Governors Island, New York; and organized and commanded Evacuation Hospital Number One at Galveston, Texas.

During the World War years 1916-1918 General Truby's service was in the Panama Canal Zone. At that hospitals and ambulance companies time he was Superintendent of the

Ancon Hospital and Chief Health Officer of the Panama Canal Zone. The importance of this latter duty, particularly at the period 1917-18, made it impossible for Governor Chester Hardin of the Canal Zone to approve his request for service in France. Also the reconstruction of Ancon Hospital was being affected at this time and he had full charge of the work from the medical standpoint.

Relieved from duty in the Canal Zone in the Spring of 1918, General Truby was assigned to the Surgeon General's office for special duty. This work was to conduct inspection tours of camps and hospitals for the Surgeon General.

The medical specialty of aviation medicine was created by the conditions that arose at the front and in various aviation centers during the World War of 1914-1918. It was realized that flying was creating a new realm in which only certain men were fitted to act with a reasonable assurance of safety and efficiency. As the airplane developed mechanically, as the speed of flight increased and greater altitudes were reached, in short, as man subjected himself to these new and abnormal conditions arising from the terrific stress of wartime combat flying, it began to dawn upon observers as well as upon the pilots themselves that the human organism, which had through eons of evolutionary development maintained firm contact with stable things, was in many

respects ill fitted to function in this new environment. It became apparent that as high as 90 per cent of all accidents were due to physical or psychological defects in the flyer rather than to mechanical failures of the airplane.

The United States, therefore, established in October 1918, a Medical Research Board to investigate all conditions which affected the efficiency of the fliers, Medical officers of the Army were detailed to this laboratory for special training in aviation medicine, and following such training, these specialists served with the various army aviation units and became known as flight surgeons.

The relation of flight surgeons in air corps activities and the mutual advantage to be gained in the advancement of military medicine established a bond of common interest between the Medical Department and the air corps. According ly, there was established a medical section in the Office of the Chief of the Air Corps, furnishing an appropriate medium of contact with the Office of Surgeon General.

In the early part of 1919, General Truby was assigned to this new field of medicine. His was the title of Chief of the Medical Division, Air Service and remained as such until 1922.

The first time General Truby commanded Letterman Hospital was a two year period, 1922-24, after which he was sent to the Philippine Department for a two year term as Surgeon. In 1926 he again returned to Letterman Hospital and served a year.

From Letterman he was assigned as Surgeon, Second Corps Area, Governors Island, New York until 1929 when he served until 1931 as Executive Officer, Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, D.C. The General's last command, before his retirement August 1, 1935, was of the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C. It was during this four year period that he was appointed Brigadier General, Medical Corps, on January 1, 1933.

General and Mrs. Truby chose San Francisco, the city in which he completed three very successful tours, as their home and occasionally the General visits his old home, Letterman Hospital, and his many friends who are now serving there.

EMERGENCY RELIEF

Some wise guy once said that 'a mother never knows her own child'. Well, mothers haven't anything on most of you soldiers. Without starting a military uprising, just ask one of your sergeants about Army Emergency Relief—or for that matter, ask the buddy in the bunk next to you. You'll probably get a look not unlike a startled St. Bernard.

In the first place, not one in a hundred knows that Army Emergency Relief is a War Department activity; that it is administered by competent officers; that it is YOUR organization, to help you and your dependents just as a lodge or club might help; and that it is not charity in any sense of the word.

Now, fellows, your first sociology lesson! There is an officer on each post, camp and station whose sole duty is to administer Army Emergency Relief. Find out who that officer is and go to him whenever you have a problem of financial or legal aid. If you have dependents, MAKE OUT THAT ALLOTMENT APPLICATION. Do it now! Be prepared to give the names, relationships, addresses, etc., of all dependents. Have CERTIFIED photostatic copies of all marriage licenses, birth certificates, or other papers important to the case. If your dependents write you that they need help, show these letters to your AER officer.

Lesson number two! Write your dependents AT ONCE ond tell them about Army Emergency Relief. Make it clear to them that this is not charity. We are all part of the War Department and it is assistance that all are entitled to. Give them your name, rank, Army serial number, organization, and complete address or A.P.O. If they live near an army post, tell them to apply to the AER officer there. If this is not possible, tell them to go to their local Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Lesson number three! When your family moves, be sure they file the change of address with the post office. When permanently relocated have them fill out a government form (it's A.G.O. Form 641, to be exact, and they can get them from the Red Cross on any AER office) and send it immediately to the Office of Dependency Benefits, 213 Washington Street, Newark, N. J.

Did you know that you must make out a different type of allot-(Continued on Page Four)



LEADING A BAND

Is all part of the program when Mitzi Mayfair pays a visit to an army post. Miss Mayfair is shown with the 53rd Infantry Band.



PVT. T. C. GRIFFIN

Enjoying a personal chat with Mitzi Mayfair on her round of the wards. 2nd Lieut. Elizabeth Foster, Ward Nurse, listens in.

Mitzi Mayfair Plays A Return Engagement As Just Herself

Making a return visit without the escort of a motorcycle patrol and blaring siren. Mitzi Mayfair came back to Letterman one afternoon last week entirely out of character as a professional entertainer. On this occasion she was a patriotic young American who takes a personal interest in the welfare of our fighting men and she just strolled through the wards chatting with the wounded and injured. Whether a man stopped a bomb fragment near Buna Mission or failed to stop a truck on Market Street was not too important; so long as he was temporarily disabled and lying on a hospital bed, he was an object of personal con-

Miss Mayfair is a native of Tennessee so when she met up with Pvt. T. C. Griffin of Damascus, Georgia, who had been hit on the "canal," the real accent of the deep south could be heard as they talked about things "at home." Nor was she lacking in animation as she chatted with Pvt. Antonio Esposito, a Connecticut Yankee who "got his" at a spot near Buna. The young visitor told of her experiences while entertaining the troops in England and later in Africa while beaming in anticipation of a tour of the bases in the South Pacific as soon as her current picture -now in production-is completed.

On her tours of the fighting fronts Miss Mayfair initiated a collection of souvenirs and she proudly displays a long string of "short snorts"—paper currency of the various countries—patched together with scotch tape and every bill bearing a signature. The prize item on the string is one 50 franc note signed by six American generals.

And her box of what she calls "Doodads"-the metal insignia of all branches and services-indicated she played no favorites although Air Force wings happened to be more numerous. She explained that by saying there seemed to be more of the Air Forces available when she began that particular collection. Miss Mayfair could not decide whether the really big "doodad" was the wings of Major General Jimmy Doolittle, removed from his tunic and handed to her in person, or the two silver stars which adorned the cap of General Eisenhower when he was a Major General. However, when it

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THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

If you are alive next year, this will be the reason.

\$13,000,000.000.00—Thirteen Billion Dollars, Sounds big when spelled out for you, doesn't it? Sounds almost beyond the imagination. It is big, and its size in what it will do for the military service, for the United States and for the world today and the world to come is beyond the imagination.

But it is really also small, microscopically small when you consider how many people there are to make this number a reality and how many more people will benefit by it in the

The bigness lies in making it a reality in loaning the Government of the United States thirteen billion dollars to carry on the war effort in 1943. This sum is the amount that the President has asked the citizens of this country to invest in War Bonds in the coming weeks. It means investing over the amount set aside in allotments. It means sacrifices of pleasures and even small necessities. It means everything.

And how does this affect the personnel of this hospital? They can't bring thirteen billion dollars into being. No, they can't; and no one expects them to. But the entire country from the President on down expects them to do as much as they can towards reaching the goal and towards obtaining the amount as soon as possible.





We welcome Second Lieutenant Esther G. Soderberg who arrived here last week from Barnes General Hospital. Miss Soderberg was born and reared in Holdrege, Nebraska and, after graduating from high school in her home town, went into training at Augustana Hospital in Chicago - completing her training in 1932. For eight years she did general duty in Holdrege, leaving there to join the staff of the Memorial Hospital in Chevenne, Wyoming, as Night Supervisor. In April of 1941, Miss Soderberg joined the Army Nurse Corps and was assigned to Fort Warren in Wyoming. She remained there for three months and was then transferred to Barnes General Hospital. Miss Soderberg specializes in fever therapy; as for sports during her off-duty hours, she specializes in tennis and bowling.

Out of Miss Lorraine Young's mail bag comes news of former members of our nursing staff who were recently transferred to other stations:

From Walter Reed General Hospital writes 1st Lieut. Catherine DeCourt to reveal her delight at being stationed in Washington, D. C. She says, "I feel as though I could move mountains."

A postcard from Chief Nurse Mary L. Jasken claims "so busy my spare moments are but few." Miss Jasken left for McChord Field in Washington the first of this

News comes of the promotion of Miss Helen Cushing to First Lieutenant and also of her transfer to Camp Beale, near Marysville, which will take place on May 1.

First Lieutenant Mary E. K. Mel lor is on her way East and while there will visit her family in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, taking a few days' leave for that purpose. She is very, very happy about the whole thing as she hasn't seen her family for over a year and a half.

The foundations being laid for the new fire house and maybe things will begin to get hot around here after a while.

The trio of technicians from the lab who take over a table in the grill each morning and get a lot of work done to start the day.

The staff of the personnel office running to sign in before the clock strikes "Eight" of a morning.

Major Don Casad over from the school for one of his rare visits to our side.

Sgt. Bruzzoni, wardmaster of B-2, still finding plenty to do even if he has but two patients.

Pvt. Robert Biasco off for Lodi to assist in a War Bond campaign in that ancient valley town.

Miss Grace Edwards scurrying to procure transportation for one hundred patients invited to attend the preview of the Shrine Circus and coming up with enough seats for all.

A wistful look in the eye of Pvt. Howard King as that train pulled out for his new destination.

Lieut. Jane Sanctuary working up almost to the minute when she was to become Mrs. John W. Smith. Lowell High School papers please copy.

MORE ABOUT KING

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lebrities and his name and face became familiar to the reading public of San Francisco. He bore his distinction with modesty and even the gentle "ribbing" of his pals never evoked any semblance of annoy-

There is still further hospitalization ahead of him but because at his new location he will be closer to his home town of Homstead, Pa., he faces the future with stoic calm. He was a good patient here and he will be a good patient there. The best be with him.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 2, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Confessions before all Masses.

Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Y. M. C. A.



Army Branch-Presidion of San Francisco

Saturday, May 1:

10:15 a.m. SWIM for boys on the Post

8:00 p.m. DANCE to the music of the 4TH ARMY OR-CHESTRA

Sunday, May 2:

6:00 p.m. Movies in color and sound, featuring the travelogue. "AMAZ-ING AMERICA"

7:20 p.m. VESPER SERVICES, an hour of meditation and inspiraiton

8:30 p.m. LOBBY MUSICAL

9:10 p.m. ALL SING-with Vera Frazier and Ed Rickman

MORE ABOUT **EMERGENCY RELIEF**

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ment - all you non-comms beyond the rank of line sergeant? Better do it right away. If you don't, your wife or mother may have to wait a couple of months for that allotment

For men who are separated from their wives (and think they can get out of sending them an allotment): wishes of the Letterman staff will the wife can file an allotment on her own!



Pyt. EFTON R. RICHARDSON

Our candidate for Buck of the Week is Private Efton R. Richardson. A native of Missouri, he has been employed in California for the last five years and feels that the state of California is home.

Pvt. Richardson was born March 8, 1918, on the outskirts of the city of Aurora, Missouri where the family had a farm. He attended the public schools of Aurora during the winter months and worked on the farm during the summer.

Just about five years ago Pvt. Richardson decided to leave the family farm and he journeyed to the west coast. Naturally he had farmed all his life and a job ranching down around Fresno was his first offer and he took it. This job was his means of livelihood for nearly two years.

He planned to revisit his home in Missouri and so saved his money while ranching and made the trip back just two years later. The suspicion that a young lady was in part responsible for his return is strong because he was married shortly after he reached Aurora.

Pvt. Richardson and his new bride decided that the west coast offered more opportunities for happiness and security for newly-weds and they returned to California—this time the city was Martinez.

Pvt. Richardson's first and only job after arriving in Martinez was with the Associated Oil Company situated near Oakland.

He was born in March; he was married in March; he was inducted in March; the Richardson's baby was born in March. He states that the new addition to the family arrived just one day after his induction into the Army which was on March 17,

Ten days after his induction at the Presidio of Monterey, California he was assigned to Letterman for duty and his work has been as an attendent on the wards.

BUCK OF THE WEEK QUARTERMASTER CORPS PROCEDURE CUTS FOOD WASTE IN ARMY KITCHEN

from the present basis of issuing rations to the Army developed by the Quartermaster Corps after an exhaustive survey of Army kitchens last year, the War Department announced today.

A survey made at the direction of Major General E. B. Gregory, the Quartermaster General, early in 1942 at Camp Lee, Virginia; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Devens, Massachusetts, disclosed food waste running as high as 20 per cent due largely to absenteeism. Immediate corrective measures taken are estimated today to be saving more than 3,220,000 pounds of food daily on the basis of an Army of 4,500,000the approximate size of the Army at the time the studies were made. Savings are increasing as the Army expands.

The present Quartermaster Corps' program provides issue of food to troops on the basis of the number of men present for meals, rather

The outstanding revelation of the surveys made by the Army was that the principal cause of food waste in the Army was the preparation of more meals than were consumed. This resulted directly from the fact that in every company almost invariably there were a number of men who did not answer the mess call for various reasons.

The present system provides for computing the attendance of men at each meal each day and preparing average daily tables modeled along the life expectancy charts of life insurance companies. These tables, which are constantly being revised, make it possible to gauge with extreme accuracy the number of men who will have to be fed each

The fact that the major cause of food waste was the preparation of excess meals bespeaks well for the economical and efficient operation of the food program in general since it proves that there is very little waste caused by improper handling, distribution or preparation. In general, it was revealed by the Army surveys that the individual men were receiving the proper quantities of food and in such a form that it was readily consumed.

Some interesting facts about the of the civilian consumer. food actually left on plates were re-

Vast savings of food are resulting vealed, however. Logically enough, it was shown that the greatest waste from non-eating by the men reporting for mess occurs in connection with the less popular foods. The largest volume of left-overs, for example, was found to rest with such foods as spinach and liver.

One of the lowest figures concerns frankfurters, which has led to an erroneous belief that frankfurters are the soldiers' favorite meat. As a matter of fact, frankfurters are well liked but are by no means the most popular meat. It happens that with frankfurters there is very little to waste, and as a general rule a soldier accepting them on his plate will eat them entirely. Since they have no bones, there is nothing left from a frankfurter except such portion as is not entirely eaten. Usually a soldier eating them at all will eat the entire item, even though he may not relish it as much as he does a cut of roast beef. This accounts for the fact that frankfurters appear less than the number of men carried on frequently on the menus than beef.

> The greatest wastage of food from left-overs was found to occur in the case of soups, indicating that the soldier is not a big soup consumer. Fresh vegetables, cereals, noodles and fish appear next in order of quantities, with meat far down the list

> Using a composite typical dinner as a basis for analysis it was found that food wastage was highest in the case of kale; next highest in vegetable soup and then, in order, coffee, cole slaw, mashed potatoes, roast beef, and finally fruit salad. The same analysis applied to a composite typical supper as the highest and ran down through beef stew. kidney beans, coffee and jello, in

With these undisputed facts at hand, the Quartermaster Corps attacked the problem from four different points.

First the largest wastage-excess meals prepared-was speedily rectified by recommending the new basis upon which to prepare meals in place of merely preparing food sufficient to feed every man known to be in camp. This change had the immediate effect of drastically reducing Army food waste and now permits a corresponding reduction in food procurements to the benefit

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ON THE SPOT



Pvt. BERNARD RATLIFF

Being on the spot is no novelty to Private Bernard J. Ratliff, Infanty Unassigned. He's been on so many far separated spots that we marvel at his ability to remember them all.

Pvt. Ratliff made his first appearance into the world at Ashland, Kentucky, a farming and steel town, cn August 15, 1911. Next on his itinerary came Coalfield, West Virginia, closely followed by Amherstdale, West Virginia. He received his high school education at Huntington. West Virginia and then went to work for the T.W.A. Airways driving a motor transport.

Enlistment into the Army came for him in August 1941 and he was assigned to an Infantry outfit which was sent to Hawaii, Schofield Barracks, and he was there when the Japs bombed the Islands. The results of the bombing had great bearing on the future of our "On-the-Spotter" as he was assigned to a Flying Fortress in the capacity of a front gunner.

From Hawaii, Pvt. Ratliff flew to Bataan and then came a few exciting flights over various islands, including Guadalcanal before the Marines landed there. Ratliff soon proved his ability as a gunner and was sent flying to England to assist in the training of other young men destined to man the guns on the "Forts" over the continent of Europe, and though his stay in England was short he participated in a raid over the submarine pens at Lorient.

He returned to the United States and was sent out again, almost immediately, to the South Pacific bases again in gunner capacity.

In January Pvt. Ratliff was afflicted with the scourge of the Islands-malaria-and by late February had once again crossed the expanse of the Pacific to the United States and was listed in the admission files at Letterman Hospital.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: John P. DeMartini, appointed Technician Fourth grade; and Percy Frazier and Fernando E. Ramos, appointed Technicians Fifth grade.

A welcome is extended the following men who joined the detachment during the week: William Peary, George E. Huntemann, Virgil L. White, Allen B. Chancey, Forrest E. Christy, Delbert C. Grossman, Walter G. Hullen, Jack Waldo, Frank P. Phillips and Chester P. Stevens.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

The new interest in horseback riding; the interest S/Sgt. Herb Goldstein showed in the house by the side of the road—the soak, and all over; S/Sgt. Rosco J. Willey feeling as though he had fought the battle of Buna all by himself—and only after 60 minutes on horseback.

Cpl. Pat Sullivan being gullible yes, he didn't put his gas mask on even after the smoke screen turned out to be tear gas. What a man!

S/Sgt. Leonard P. Bell trying to get 1st/Sgt. Calvin Williams to pay for his lunch. It sounds like slander against the hospital mess, again.

Pvt. Joseph P. Sansone threatening to become a thirty year man if someone isn't careful.

That Sgt. Raymond P. Anweiller waits until "lites out" in the barracks and then takes off—on his nites off of course.

That Sgt. Buford Folsom will acquire that sylph-like figure with a few more work outs at the "Y."

The Sgt. Andre Pascals back from their honeymoon.

The allotment office doing a rush business for some "unknown" reason.

Few of the old faces left at the Hospital and fewer men likely to remain.

LIEUTENANT MASON HAS RECORD FOR MANY JOBS AT LETTERMAN



HERBERT R. MASON
First Lieutenant, Medical Administration Corps.

Lieutenant Herbert R. Mason, M.A.C., believes he has held more jobs at Letterman during a shorter period than any other officer on the roster. His appointment on April 5 to succeed 1st Lieut. Ivan N. Dickey to be Commanding Officer of the Detachment of Patients merely added another to a very extensive list. The list includes Assistant Provost Marshal, Commanding Officer of the 717th Sanitary Corps, Assistant Post Exchange Officer, Recorder of the Section VIII Board, Unit Gas Officer, Bomb Reconnaissance Officer, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Army Emergency Relief Fund and Assistant C. O. of the Detachment of Patients.

The holder of these many and various positions was born in Baltimore, Md., August 20, 1895. He went to school at the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, studied electrical engineering at the University of Pennsylvania and chemistry at Columbia University, a background, he says, which prepared him for his profession of public accountant.

Lieut. Mason worked for a time for various financial houses in New York and once held the position of vice-president for an investment banking concern in 1929 B. C. (Before the Crash).

As one of the eight men who organized and developed the Public Welfare Administration of the state of New Jersey, Lieut. Mason was appointed and served for eight years as Chief of Field Operations, leaving in 1940 to assume the positions of Assistant Director and Comptroller at the Doctor's Hospital and Medical Center in Washington, D. C.

From his position in Washington, Lieut. Mason was summoned into the ranks of the officers of the U. S. Army and commissioned in the Medical Administrative Corps. He was sent immediately to Camp Grant, Illinois, where he received his basic training in Medical Administrative work and also in troop training.

The Lieutenant is really an old hand in the service, however. During the First World War he served with the U. S. Navy, attaining the rank of a petty officer in the transport and coastal patrol services.

Since coming to Letterman last year, Lieut. Mason has proven to be one of the most efficient and popular of officers, and just to keep the record straight it must be said that if anyone asks for the Assistant Hospital Inspector, he's that too.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Seems that the "Wolf Pack" is losing two of its charter members with
Pvt. John P. Shea announcing his
marriage — come Saturday — and
T/5th Gr. Bruce Sloan saying he has
the same intentions with a hometown girl this summer, providing she
says the word.

With this fatal step of Shea's, we hear that Sgt. Daniel Mahoney is to be FIRST best man and S/Sgt. Herman Knoller SECOND best man. Following the traditions . . . the something borrowed will be a car; the something blue, who knows? At any rate we wish "Shea" our congratulations.

The Officer Personnel of the School these past weeks have been making extensive business trips. Lieut. Col. George Shivers recently returned from Atlanta, Ga., after touring the Technicians' School there; while late this week Col. Ervin, the School Commandant, leaves for the East Coast.

Caused by a War Department order, the Pharmacy Section of this School, along with such schools throughout the Country, is to close. The Detachment hopes that it will be possible for the personnel to be kept at the school in some capacity.

SIGHTS ABOUT THE TOWN

· Cpl. Walter Pulling wearing a broad grin since he heard that all is clear on the home front. Good luck from now on "Walt."

With the return of T/5th Gr. George Choate's wife from the wilds of Tennessee, we hope to see our Mail Orderly in better spirits. Now that he has found an apartment he is all set for the duration—he hopes!

Incidentally . . . we couldn't help but smile when we heard of the VERY UNUSUAL breakfast Tech. 4th Gr. Jack Haliwell enjoyed early Easter morning.

And then there were all the sighs of contentment from the students when they learned they would be allowed to sleep in on Easter morning; but from habit they were up at the crack of dawn as usual.

O. M. NEWS



The QM boys have a bright outlook on the new baseball season, after defeating the Fourth Army team with the score of 11 to 2 last Monday in the first practice game of the season. Sgt. "Jack" Craig pitched the home team to victory, showing others that the Letterman boys are going to be tough to beat.

During the absence of Sgt. "Pop" Latimer, because of illness, the responsibility of the handling of QM mail falls in the hands of T/4th Gr. "Andy" Andrews, who formerly worked in the Print Shop. One of Andy's fellow Print Shop workers, T/5th Gr. Arthur Corrasa, was transferred to the Property Office to work with T/5th Gr. Barney Dooley and Sgt. Philip Passarrelli in issuing clothing to patients. The Print Shop has gained a new compositor, Pvt. William Benson.

Mr. Clifford C. Carmony, Chief Clerk, Office of the Director of Supplies Division, recently returned from a short trip to Pasadena, California, after visiting our former Salvage and Reclamation Officer, Lieutenant Kenneth L. Pieper, who was transferred to the new Pasadena Area Hospital last March 29.

Mr. Carmony reports that Lieutenant Pieper is a very busy man, having been assigned as Quartermaster, performing duties which embrace positions as Rail & Motor Transportation Officer, Property Officer, Salvage Officer, and is also assigned as Post Signal and Chemical Warfare Officer.

MITZI MAYFAIR

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came time to pose for a picture, the young star selected a tiny pair of gold wings to wear before the camera and no questioning could bring an answer why tiny gold wings outranked two silver stars.

During her visit to the hospital Miss Mayfair occupied the podium in front of the 53rd Infantry Band, present for the weekly concert, and as evidence of her versatility gave a demonstration of how to eat a pickle on short notice.

NO CHANCE FOR THE BLACK MARKET UNDER EAGLE EYE OF OUR INSPECTOR



ALFRED N. FONTAINE **Technical Sergeant, Veterinary Corps**

To see that the food eaten by the patients and personnel of Letterman is clean, wholesome and nutritious is a big job requiring the combined services of a large number of people. A man who plays one of the most important roles in it is Technical Sergeant Alfred N. Fontaine of the Veterinary Corps.

It is his job to inspect such items as meat, butter, cheese, eggs and many similar products which come to the mess hall and to determine whether or not they meet the rigid standards for quality and purity which have been established by the Army and also that the amount received tallies with that ordered.

Sgt. Fontaine's career is unique in at least two respects. For one thing, he is the only enlisted member of the Veterinary Corps now stationed at Letterman, and for another, he is probably the oldest soldier on active duty with so long a record of service. He has been a soldier for 26 years, 20 of which ing the same job that he has now. fit in the war zone.

He has had a total of 20 years of experience in the inspecting of food, as he spent several years at the Presidio Commissary in the work before being transferred to the hospital.

The Sergeant started his army career in the Infantry when he enlisted at Portland, Oregon, back in 1917. He was assigned to the 44th Infantry at Fort Lewis, Washington, during the war, but never got overseas, although the unit was just preparing to embark when the Armistice came.

He next enlisted in the Quartermaster Corps after the war, and it was with that organization that he first came to the Presidio. He soon effected a transfer into the Veterinary Corps and has remained in it ever since.

Fontaine was born March 1, 1883, in Evanston, Illinois. He is married and the father of a son, Raymond, now serving as an enlisted man in the Medical Corps overseas. He also has a stepson who have been spent at Letterman, do- is a Lieutenant in an Infantry out-

The following soldiers spent Easter Sunday in Los Angeles with their families: Cpl. Paul V. Weaver, Pvts. Rufus A. Felder, Curtis D. Howard, Ambrose Jackson and Floyd Hunter. They reported they all had fine visits.

1st Sgt. John H. Smith, who is on the sick list, has the best wishes of the entire 717th for a speedy recovery.

The baseball nine made a very good impression in their two appearances with the headquarters aggregation, Friday and Sunday, in practice games. We are expecting great things from them in the coming season. They play at Golden Gate Park.

Cpl. Henry Scott, with the aid of a group of soldiers, is completing the work on a volley ball court. We hope there will soon be the "goahead" sign for a tennis court in the near future.

S/Sgt. Ira N. Taylor is now in charge of the Mess Department. We wish him success in his new work.

The Damon and Pythias combination of Cpl. Jurrant Middleton and Pvt. Henry Heard is a splendid thing for morale building in the company.

The AWOL boys had better get wise to themselves . . . One of these bright mornings they will find themselves on one of those long hikes at government expense and personal displeasure.



To Master Sergeant and Mrs. John M. Holliday, a son, Thomas Mack, born April 24, weight seven pounds.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

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Secondly, rigid mess supervision was recommended. The Quartermaster Corps, pursuant to Army Regulations, has for years trained mess supervisors in its schools for bakers and cooks, and such mess supervisors have been on duty in all installations under Quartermaster control. However, Army Regulations do not make it mandatory for all post, camp and station commanders to utilize mess supervision; they merely require the Quartermaster Corps to train such personnel and make it available. Recently the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, issued orders requiring all Service Commands to install mess supervision and the necessary trained supervisors are being provided from Quartermaster Corps Schools.

Then the problem of persuading soldiers not to waste food by taking more than they can eat and leaving excess amounts on their plates has been tackled in various ways. An Army-wide poster campaign is now in full swing and posters literally screaming caution at soldiers are rapidly appearing on the walls of every mess hall in the country. The campaign makes no attempt to curtail the soldier's eating; it does, however, strongly urge him to eat a good hearty meal but not to take more than that.

Aside from the revelations of waste, which was promptly corrected, the surveys made other interesting disclosures. It was proven again that the average soldier eats a highly nutritious, well balanced and generally satisfying meal; one that equals or exceeds the recommendations of the Nutrition committee of the National Research Council.

It has also permitted the modifying of rations in certain cases, particularly as regards such foods as carrots, cabbage, string beans and beets so that slightly smaller amounts are now prescribed in the Master Menus, and a further saving is being effected.

These corrective steps, taken by the Quartermaster Corps months before general civilian rationing began, have greatly improved the economy and efficiency of Army food handling and have immeasurably eased the impact of the Army's food procurements on supplies available for civilian use.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Despite the flurry of new applications for War Bond deductions, our standing in the current Drive remains the same. There has been a very slight improvement in our percentage of Participation and Investment, but not enough to lift us to the top of the list. The chart below shows that a bit more effort on the part of the civilian employees can very easily put us in our rightful place at the head of all General Hospitals of the West Coast. In order to accomplish this, it will take the co-operation of every employee of this organization. Subscribe to a War Bond payroll deduction and get your dollars in the fight.

WEST COAST

GENERAL HOSPITAL	ERAL HOSPITAL PARTICIPATION		INVESTMENT		
Baxter	100	%	10.9 %		
Hammond	97.67	1%	9.32%		
Bushnell	86.5	%	10.4 %		
Torney	91.4	%	10.3 %		
Mc Caw	87	%	8.45%		
LETTERMAN	79	%	7 %		
Barnes	73.95	%	7.78%		
Sawtelle	67	%	13.07%		
Hoff	60	%	4.9 %		

DO YOU WANT MORE INSURANCE?

All military personnel who have less than \$10,000 Government Life Insurance at the present time now have the right to apply without statement of health or physical examination for the maximum amount of insurance.

We are at war. You need this insurance, and your family CERTAINLY needs the protection it affords. This insurance costs less than any other kind of insurance you can get. It protects you and your family against your death from any cause INCLUDING the risks of war. It provides for a MONTHLY income for the beneficiary you name. Your wife or child, mother or father, brother or sister, or foster parent may be named as principal or second choice beneficiary.

See the Insurance Officer today—Captain Ekman, Room 319.

Letterman Bowlers Consistent; Lose Two Out of Three

The Letterman Hospital Bowling team again dropped two games out of three in the 890 league at the Bagdad Bowling Alleys when they tackled the hard-hitting Azevedo Jewelers April 27th. The first game was won by the Medics after gaining on them going into the final frame. The loss of Sgt. Mottier was greatly noticed and his run-in, Sgt. Charles Weisburg, not having bowled for over eight months couldn't show his best efforts.

Sgt. Wilcox had high first game—then was low for the next two games—getting his share of splits in the last game. Sgt. Henry Kuntz was high bowler for the evening with a 535 triple, followed by Sgt. Walter Yoe with a 521 total. Marano, Wilcox and Weisburg followed respectively.

Dick Treadway, a fourteen year old bowler from Washington High School showed his team-mates some classy pin toppling when he smeared them for a 546 triple. High bowler for the Azevedo Jewelers was John Baccetti with a 562 pinnage.

In the San Francisco Chronicle Tournament, Sgts. Wilcox and Kuntz were eliminated going into the final stages of the tournament. Wilcox was eliminated in the quarter-final and Sgt. Kuntz was eliminated in the semi-finals. Sgt. Kuntz bowled in the quarter-finals and then had to bowl another match right away for the semi-finals and the pressure was a bit rough on him after his tiring first series. He knocked them for a total 631 in the quarter-finals against his opponents 610 which was nice bowling in any man's league.

The results of league play were:

R. Tates 165 166 196 522

AZEVEDO JEWELERS

Totals

D. Treadway	179	199	168	546	
E. Peterson	167	189	186	542	
J. Baccetti	166	200	196	562	
V. Wells	151	189	183	523	
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Totals	828	938	929	2695	
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Marano	182	172	169	523	
Yohe	156	184	185	525	
Weisburg	156	150	157	465	
Wilcox	190	143	133	466	
Kuntz	176	186	173	535	

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Gen. Kirk, One Time LGH Service Chief, New Surgeon General

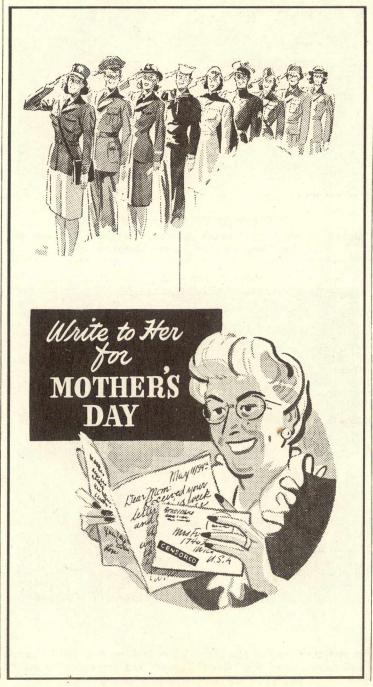
Brigadier General Norman T. Kirk, commanding officer at Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan, and regarded as one of the country's foremost experts on bone surgery, was nominated by President Roosevelt to be the new surgeon general of the Army. As head of the Army's medical department he succeeds Maj. Gen. James C. Magee.

In July, 1936, he became chief of surgical service at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco, and in 1941 was transferred to a similar position at Walter Reed, having served previously in the same capacity at Sternberg General Hospital in Manila.

General Kirk's appointment carries with it the temporary rank of major general. He is 55, a native of Rising Sun, Md., and a graduate of the University of Maryland. He was commissioned in the Medical Reserve in 1912, and became a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the regular Army in 1913, three years after his graduation.

Since his student days, Kirk has devoted himself primarily to surgery, and his work in bone and joint surgery has made him one of the country's leading experts in this field. A monograph he wrote just after the first World War is still a standard text on amputations.

In 1916, General Kirk was promoted to the rank of Captain and to the rank of Major in May of 1917. During World War I he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After the war he returned to the rank of Major but in 1933 again became a Lieutenant Colonel. In May of 1939, while General Kirk was Chief of the Surgical Service at Letterman, he attained the rank of Colonel.



Famous Letterman Baby Dies a Hero's Death in New Guinea

Major Edward F. Larner, who was born twenty-six years ago at Letterman Hospital and lived to be one of the outstanding heroes of the present war in the South Pacific, died this week in the crash of a bomber somewhere in New Guinea.

The official announcement of his death revealed he perished with the entire crew of his plane when it crashed at the end of a short flight.

The Japs had cause aplenty to fear Major Larner. Dispatch after dispatch from the South Pacific has told of his daring.

In an attack on Japanese an'i-aircraft positions last November he swooped down to an altitude of 70 feet. One burst of fire hit his plane. It wobbled and sheared off treetops for 100 feet. The Japs thought they had him. But Major Larner regained control and returned to his base. He was awarded the Silver Star for that gallantry in action.

In the Battle of Bismarck Sea he led a flight of 12 medium bombers against a Japanese convoy of 10 cruisers or heavy destroyers and 12 other vessels. He was credited with sinking a cruiser and a transport in that foray.

Only two years ago he was a flying cadet, the son of Captain and Mrs. W. M. Larner. His father is a retired Army officer. Major Larner attended Galileo High School, then the University of New Mexico and the New Mexico Military Academy. His widow and two small daughters have made their home in Roswell, New Mexico, but at the present time they are living in San Francisco with Captain and Mrs. Larner.

SAN FRANCISCO STAGE DOOR CANTEEN OPENS WITH A BANG

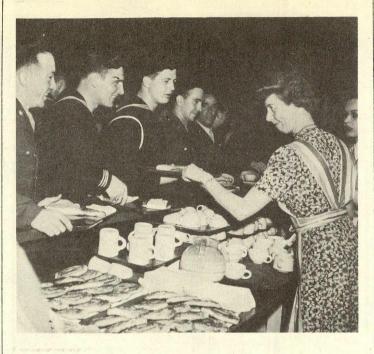
S. R. O., the three letters which spell success for a theatrical production, have been aptly applied to the Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason Street. Since the opening night on Thursday, April 29, the canteen has been operating to "standing room only", and the first Saturday a record of 3,100 service men passed through the portals into the entertainment center.

Much of the credit of the successful opening should go to its organizers and the many un-named individuals who have given unstintingly of their time and talents. Under the direction of Brock Pemberton, chairman of the American Theater Wing War Services Committee, the San Francisco Stage Door Canteen is a project of the American Theater Wing, which is made up of players and of the various union organizations connected with the stage. But non-professional men and women from practically every neighborhood in the city also cooperated and contributed their bit to help make it a successful venture.

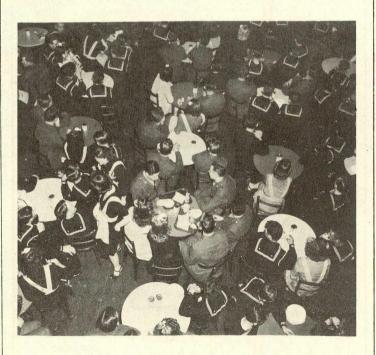
Officially the canteen opened on Thursday evening a week ago, but a public preview was held the day before. Admission to the informal party was the presentation of packages containing at least a dollar's worth of food or the contribution of a dollar for the refreshment fund. Stage and screen star, Ina Claire Wallace, honorary chairman of the canteen, headed the committee that made arrangements for the package party and the procession of showworld luminaries who were on hand to provide strictly informal entertainment for the civilian guests.

The informal party was the public's only chance to view the canteen, unless, of course, they later buy one of the "angel's tables" for the evening. The "angel" may pay any price from \$100 up for the privilege of inviting three other guests to sit with him at the table and look over the brim of the balcony. They may not mingle with the soldiers and sailors.

Everything, food, service and amusement, is donated impartially to the enlisted men of all our forces, and on the opening night the list of entertainers included practically every dramatic professional name in the Bay Area, and Hollywood, not counting those heard by broadcast



A VIEW OF THE VITAMIN BAR
Usually a man is all stomach and can always eat. This picture
of the "Vitamin Bar" is confirmation of it.



A civilian's view of the crowd when looking over the balcony rail from one of the "Angel Tables" and for which he must pay \$100 for the privilege of occupying.

from New York. Eddie Cantor acted as Master of Ceremonies and was assisted by Ina Claire, Boris Karloff, "Bojangles" Bill Robinson, Kay Kyser, his vocalist Georgia Carroll, and his orchestra, Gertrude Niesen and Sonia Shaw. Other local celebrities included Lois Moran Young, Art Linkletter, Bill Baldwin and Ira Blue, with music provided by Phil Sapiro, Glen Hurlburt, Clancy Hayes and his Dixieland Band, and Dude Martin.

Monday night was the slowest night for attendance to date—a mere eighteen hundred persons packed the building. The week-ends average in the neighborhood of three thousand service men, and more, and the week nights have found two thousand min or better streaming into the Sage Door Canteen Building.

The canteen is a real success. From the service men to the organization offices, everyone enjoys himself. Attractive young hostesses sit at the tables with the men or dance with then, and they have as much fun as anyone. Rule number one with these young ladies is—"no dates will be made with the servicemen." In fact when the senior hostess introduces one of the servicemen to one of the lostesses, first names only are used.

Several thusand young ladies have registered for service at the canteen and lanv more are eager to serve wher an opening is availabl for them. Around nine o'clock the announcement is made that all hostesses on tle 6 to 9 shift will report upstairs; and a new group of young ladies takes over. References of the girls are checked when they apply and only those with good references are acepted and placed on the waiting lit. Scanning the crowd shows that many of San Francisco's prominent older, as well as younger, set are present. A vice-president of a bank serves one night as a bus boy, maybe the next night as a doorman or usher; one of the city's wealthiest young matrons is 'Pat' to the service men and dances until her feet hurt-but she is enjoying herself.

As the members who 'serve-theservice' arrive they enter the checkin station in a side room. A for-

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MORE ABOUT STAGE DOOR CANTEEN

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midable battery of tables is there to open fire. Manning one will be an official of the Motor Corps; behind another a Junior Hostess official; and Food Bar, Senior Hostess, Host and Bus Boy tables, each having an executive for the night who helps keep the tangled, happy crowd of service men in the auditorium satisfied by the country's top entertainers.

Entertainment at the canteen is the best the country has to offer. Not only the famous national band names adorn the nightly programs but local individual talent is in evidence. One sailor 'just arrived' put on an ace-high whistling number; a marine took over the piano and provided music for dancing before the band arrived—half way through his number a drummer from the Army took up the beat and was later joined by a sailor and his "lip-stick." So it goes.

Don Kaye brought his band in to entertain one night and his supporting program was good-The Three Sharps and Key of A singers, the magician and soloists were high lights with Bill Baldwin 'em-ceeing for the evening. And in the same manner the Club Lido band and entertainment cast took over from 8 to 12 another night. Each band seemingly tries to out-do his rival of the night before and the shows are terrific-a midget team, chorus girls, animal and circus acts, soloists, dancers, acrobatic numbers all 'serve-the-service' at the Stage Door

Decorations in the canteen were done by Dorothy Wright Liebes, and Jane Berlandina and Tony Sotomayer did the murals—the most striking of which are the animated vegetables and vitamin bar.

Brock Pemberton is keeping his hand at the helm until the voyage is further under way. Since the "terrific" opening, the New York producer feels that the final details of perfect organization are all that is keeping him on the job here.

"The canteen is a smash hit," quoted Pemberton to the Call Bulletin, "starting off even better than the New York organization. The entertainment programs have been splendid and the entire functioning superb. But that's San Francisco!"



Technician Fourth Grade Alfred Klein of the E.E.N.T. Clinic at Letterman receives a surprise visit from a member of the "Club Lido" Spanish cast which entertained Tuesday night.



KAY KYSER

Speaking into the "mike" before the largest audience ever gathered in the patio of Letterman General Hospital. The "Professor" and his band entertained the patients and personnel with a special program one afternoon last week.

New Constellation! 63 Stars Added to Shoulder Loops

President Roosevelt this week sent to the Senate the names of 63 Army officers for promotion to higher grades. Heading the list was the name of Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, commanding the 4th Army and Western Defense Command, advanced to permanent rank in that grade, while Major General Simon B. Buckner, in command of the Alaska Defense Command is upped to three stars as a lieutenant general

The list of promotions also contained the names of eight promoted to the rank of Major General and 50 others to be Brigadier Generals. They were:

Brigadier Generals to be Major Generals:

Charles L. Bolte, Chicago; John R. Hodge, Carbondale, Ill.; Thomas B. Larkin, Vicksburg, Miss.; William E. Lepner, Bunker Hill, Ind.; Arthur H. Carter, New York City; Hugh J. Gaffey, Hartford, Conn.; Clements McMullen, Largo, Fla.; and Robert C. Breene, Dayton, Ohio. Colonels to Brigadier Generals:

Julius E. Slack, Hermansville, Mich.; Joseph E. Harriman, Appleton, Wis.; Frederick Von H. Kimble, Galveston, Texas; Dean C. Strother, Winfield, Kas.; Oscar B. Abbott, San Antonio, Texas; John B. Murphy, Los Angeles; Glen C. Jamison, Ottawa, Kas.; William G. Weaver, Louisville, Ky.; Robert B. McClure, Oakland, Calif.; Paul C. Wilkins, born Angels Camp, Calif.; George C. Beach, Jr., born Topeka, Kas.; Egbert F. Bullens, Pacific Grove, Calif.; Sidney Erickson, Minneapolis: William O. Reeder, Butler, Pa.; Edward B. McKinley, Philadelphia; Edwin D. Patrick, Tell City, Ind.; John F. McLain, Brooks Field, Texas; Henry B. Sayler, Huntington, Ind.; John H. Gardner, Walnut Creek, Calif.; Harold N. Gilbert, Williamsport, Pa.; Emil C. Kiel, Ironwood, Mich.; Edmond H. Leavey, Longview, Texas; Harry F. Thompson, Arkansas City, Kas.; Martinius Stensetn, born Heiberg, Minn.; Joseph A. Baer, born Kutztown, Pa.; Usal G. Ent, Northumberland, Pa.; Calvin De Witt, Jr., born Fort Leavenworth, Kas.; Gilbert X. Cheves, Fort Bliss, Texas; Lucas V. Beau, Denver: James W. Curtis, El Paso, Texas: Glenn O. Barcus, Genoa, Ill.; John A. Porter, Philadelphia; Edgar P.

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THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

MOTHER

"A mother is a mother still, The holiest thing alive."

So wrote Samuel Taylor Coleridge over a hundred years ago. It was true then; it will be true forever.

Tomorrow will be "Mother's Day," a day which is especially dedicated to the mothers of our country and to all mothers everywhere. Thirty years ago such a day was first proposed and it has grown in observance with the passing years.

It was not a surprise that some of our allegedly keen businessmen saw the commercial posibilities in the tributes which would be paid to mothers in such an observance and have done their best to cash in on the expressions of love and loyalty which took a tangible form. Commercialization has evoked condemnation but it has not stifled the custom of honoring our mothers on this, their day.

In every form of animal life the maternal instinct is plainly in evidence. In the birds of the air, with the beast of the field - mammal and mammoththe mother will protect her young at the risk of her life. All too often that protection is extended at the cost of her

No man ever has to be convinced of the quality of mother love. He imbibes it in intancy, experiences it through the days of his youth, and is blest with it so long as she may live. She gives of herself to bring him into being, she watches over him long after he is able to fend for himself. Tho she is re-



We welcome two recent additions to the nursing staff at Letterman:

Mrs. Ann Tiffany is a native daughter of Tacoma, Washington, and attended school in her hometown. She went into her nurses training at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma, graduating in 1936. Mrs. Tiffany then did general duty nursing at the Multenomah County Hospital in Portland, Oregon, for a year. In 1938 she embarked on the sea of matrimony and accompanied her husband to Panama where she remained for two years. Eager to put her experience in nursing to use, she signed up with the Army Nurse Corps last week and was assigned to Letterman Hospital.

Miss Myrtle Irene Griffin first began her very interesting career in Lansing, Michigan, and attended school in her hometown and in Waterloo, Indiana. She went into training at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio, graduating in 1931. After a year of post graduate work-pediatrics and administration -at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, she joined the staff of the Children's Hospital of Cook County. She left the Children's Hospital to become Assistant to the Superintendent at the University of Chicago Clinics, where she remained for two years, leaving to go to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. At the University of Michigan Clinic she specialized in orthopedic work. She subsequently joined the staff of the Harper Hospital in Detroit and Grace Hospital. At the latter hospital, also located in Detroit, she was supervisor of the surgical wards. Next Miss Griffin left Harper Hospital to do private duty and in that two years attained her Bachelor of Science degree. In Feb-

luctant to admit man ever reaches that state.

Every man acknowledges the debt he owes his mother but on "Mother's Day" he should make that acknowledgement assume some external form. Let it be a word or a letter; a single flower or a bouquet. Just some tangible expression of love and gratitude to the best mother in the world—our own hopes sometime to return to it.



Miss Helen Franklin sharing her luncheon with the fish in the patio

Lieut. Harriet Campbell bowing her way out en route to Stoneman and beyond.

The coupe of Lieut. Wott rolling over the sidewalk in front of A-1. Took a Lieut, Of MPS and two assistants with a derrick to get the car back on the road.

Staff Sgt. Merle C. West really getting that extra chevron and no foolin' this time.

Pvt. William K. Gillaspy keeping up his work for war bonds right up to the day of his furlough.

Mrs. Helen Diez coming up with a brother who is a police chief in the East Bay area. A good pal to

The efficiency experts working on a master plan to cut down the running time from here to there.

The War Bond campaign lagging in the absence of Sgt. Herbert Goldstein.

The pansy pickers having a party pulling up the plants to be replaced with petunias.

ruary of 1942, she signed up with the Army Nurse Corps at Chanute Field in Illinois, and was there for only a month, leaving to go to the Southwest Pacific, where she helped in the organizing of a station hospital. In addition to her regular duties, Miss Griffin cooked for the other nurses. Her pride and joy was the batch of pumpkin pies she "whipped up" on the 4th of Julyusing a beer bottle to roll out the crust. While she likes Letterman, she likes foreign duty better and

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 9, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Confessions before all Masses.

Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

OBITUARY

EDWARD A. STURGES

Funeral services for Colonel Edward A. Sturges, who died at Letterman Hospital Sunday morning, were held at the new Post Chapel at the Presidio of San Francisco on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Conducted by Chaplain Lester L. McCammon. the services honored the memory of a man who during a 40-year tenure of service in the Army left a host of friends both here and abroad.

The Colonel, born in Vassar, Michigan, on September 21, 1870, saw service in the Infantry and Cavalry during the Spanish-American War and as Finance Officer with General Allen's staff during the World War in France. During 1918-1920 he served on the War Reparation Committee in Germany.

Colonel Sturges acted as assistant Chief of Finance for the War Department in Washington thereafter, until coming out to San Francisco and his post as Finance Officer at the Presidio about 10 years ago.

Because he loved San Francisco and his home near the Presidio, the Colonel remained here with his wife, Edna Montgomery Sturges, when he was retired about eight years ago.

Hitler Buys a U. S. War Bond

Ft. Jackson, S. C. (CNS)--Hiter has purchased a \$1,000 United States Government warbond-but wait a minute. The buyer is Capt. Paul Hitler, of Brooklyn, N. Y. who has been a member of the U.S. fighting forces for 31 years.



Pyt. Robert L. Shiffner

From the town of Long Beach, California-noted for its beaches and sunshine-comes Private Robert L. Schiffner, quiet and brave soldier.

Private Schiffner lived the life of a typical American boy up to, and including, high school. He attended Lynwood High School where he studied with one ambition; namely, to see the world and make a living by working on ships and with this idea in mind Robert studied carpentry at Lynwood and also learned radio in his spare time. While still in high school, Pvt. Schiffner made short coastal trips on small sea-going crafts so he could become accustomed to nautical terms and the feel of a deck beneath his feet.

After graduating from high school. Private Schiffner went to work as a cabinet maker but he stayed at this work only a few months, for he received the opportunity to work on vessels as a shipfitter. However, four months later Robert received his first chance to attain the crest of his ambition by joining the Merchant Marine-in March, 1942-and signed on as a ship's carpenter.

Traveling from San Francisco to the South Pacific, Pvt. Schiffner made several trips "Down Under," where he brought supplies to our fighting men. Robert, on his second return trip, brought back the first contingent of Marines who were relieved from duty in Guadalcanal. He gloried in this life and was steadily getting closer to the peak of his ambition when in November of 1942 he returned to San Francisco and went home for a short rest. He came back to San Francisco to sign on board a ship, only to find labor trouble between the Maritime unions and, consequently, was unable to obtain a passage on a ship and so he again returned home-where he stayed until he was drafted into the Army in January, 1943.

BUCK OF THE WEEK ARMY SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR ENLISTED MEN MEETS A REAL NEED

(By Camp Newspaper Service) Thousands of American soldiers are going to college under the Army Specialized Training Program.

Every logarithm they master . . . every book they crack . . . will be a kick in the teeth for Hitler, Hirohito and Mussolini because dealing hard blows against the enemy demands trained specialists in many fields

Right now the Army is sending men to college who can be trained in engineering, medicine, psychology, foreign area studies and other specialized fields. The biggest call is for men to become electrical, civil, chemical and mechanical engi-

For many soldiers the college courses will open the door to officer candidate schools and lead to commissions. For others the courses will lead to recommendations for technical ratings upon successfully completing their studies.

All of them will draw their pay while gaining higher education and at the same time will be preparing to take a more important role in defeating the Axis.

Careful plans have been made by the Army and the schools for assigning each man to the right course and for starting him at the highest level he is capable of carrying.

Men selected for college "sharpening" to help spear the Axis will go first to STAR units (the Army abbreviation for Specialized Training and Reassignment). The STAR units, located at colleges throughout the country, will test and interview men and recommend them for specific classes and terms.

The soldier may or may not stay at the same college where he takes his tests in the STAR unit. He will be assignd to a Specialized Training Unit after he has taken the various tests necessary to place him correctly in the program.

The program is divided into two phases - the basic phase consisting of three 12-week terms, and the advanced phase. Men assigned to the basic phase are privates seventh grade, while those assigned to the advanced phase are transferred in

You can obtain complete information about the program through your commanding officer, or by writing through channels to the will be reconsidered.

commanding general of your service command.

The latest information is carried in a War Department Memorandum from the Adjutant General's Office dated April 9, 1943. It states that field selection boards will recommend for training enlisted men of any grade who possesses the following qualifications:

a. General requirements: a score of 115 or better on the Army General Classification Test and evidence that the best interests of the Army would be served by further training in the ASTP.

b. Candidates who have not passed their 22d birthday on the date of recommendation by the ASTP field selection board, must be high-school graduates or the equivalent, but must not have had more than two years of college work unless-

- (1) Their college work has included one year of physics at college level, or
- (2) Their college work has included one year of mathematics at college level, or
- (3) Their college work has included at least three courses in psychology, or
- (4) They have a ready speaking knowledge of at least one modern foreign language.
- c. Candidates who have passed their 22nd birthday on the date of recommendation by the ASTP field selection board must-
 - (1) Have had at least one year of work in a college (junior or teachers' college, university, technical or normal school) with one year of mathematics at college level.
 - (2) Have not had more than three years of college work or graduated from college unless their college work has included at least three courses in psychology, or
 - (3) Have a ready speaking knowledge of at least one modern foreign language.

Men recommended by the field selection boards in the various camps, posts and stations will go directly to the STAR units. The OCT-3 test will no longer be given. clared he was sent to the west coast. Some men have already taken that test. The results will not be counted for or against them. Men previously rejected on the basis of OCT-3 test

ON THE SPOT



Cpl. Henry A. Wojtowicz

As candidate for "On the Spot" this week, Corporal Henry A. Wojtowicz, a patient on Ward 0-1, fills the bill.

Corporal Wojtowicz hails from the town of Detroit, Michigan, where he spent his life before coming into the Army. Henry led the life of a local lad, attending the local high school -Chadsey High-where he pursued a commercial and mechanical course. While at Chadsey High, Henry played football for the St. Francis Athletic Club; the club won the West Side League in 1935. After completing high school in '36, Cpl. Wojtowicz sought employment in the mechanical field and went to work for Kelsay and Hays Wheel Corporation as a press operator and continued at this trade until the depression hit Detroit in 1938 and the plant closed. But the depression did not stop Henry from finding work for he kept himself on an even scale with the world by doing odd jobs around his home town until June of 1939 when he once again found steady work as a grocery

In June of 1939 Cpl. Wojtowicz became conscious of the fact that this country might be drawn into the present conflict, so in order to be ready for such an occasion he joined the Michigan-Wisconsin National Guard. A short time after he joined the Guards, they were called upon to help the Army defend our country and thus in October of 1940. Henry was made a soldier of the United States Army. He received his first taste of Army life at Camp Beauregard. Next he moved to Camp Livingston, Louisiana for a final check-up. When war was de-

When asked about his plans for the future, Henry said that he only wishes to return to Detroit where he hopes to continue in his trade and to see his folks once again.

A welcome is extended Cpl. Normon A. Miller who joined the Detachment during the week.

Success to S/Sgt. Leonard P. Bell who went East to attend a Non-Com school.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: George W. Norvelle and Merle C. West, promoted to Staff Sergeants; Louis C. Sullivan and Wayne B. Bradley, promoted to Sergeants: Lowell G. Buettner, William G. O'Brien and John E. Perkins, promoted to Corporals: Wallace E. May, promoted to Technician fourth grade; and Ralph. A. Brand, Maurice Cauffett, Leroy H. Kuhn. Israel Kulak, Bert Liebert, Joseph S. Lopez, Richard H. Nyman, Charles W. Perkins, Edison W. Renaud, and Henry D. Sanders, appointed Technicians fifth grade.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pvt. Gordon L. Lockwood's ability at billiards-and just beginning, too.

Sgt. Eugene F. Ryback waiting from 8:00 to 1:30, not one night, but two, for a young lady to put in an appearance. Can that be love?

Cpl. Elias Tamey keeping his detail toeing the mark at all times.

S/Sgt. Wylie J. Dunn, Jr., splitting shifts with S/Sgt. Earle J. Libby.

T/4th gr. Richard N. Freeman of the mess just \$64.00 richer after an afternoon in the country.

S/Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West receiving congratulations-and official this time!

Pvt. Hamlin Juedes habitually running out of gas and then enlisting the aid of his passengers to help push his car home.

Girl Fighter Pilot Bags Third Nazi Warplane

Moscow (CNS)—Lily Litviak, a third Nazi warplane. She was credited with shooting down a Messerschmitt during a recent engagement on the Southern Front in the Donets region, despite the fact she was wounded soon after taking off.

When the German ships were reported in the area she was the first Russian fighter pilot to go up

in the air.

NEW ASSISTANT ADJUTANT IS ALSO A NEW FIRST LIEUTENANT IN M. A. C.



WILLIAM R. MOODY First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps.

From the rank of Staff Sergeant to that of First Lieutenant in sixteen months is no mean accomplishment and that achievement became an actuality for William R. Moody last Tuesday when he exchanged the brown enameled inlaid bars of a Warrant Officer, junior grade, for the silver bars of a First Lieutenant.

To the friends of the new Lieutenant, it does not seem very long ago that the then Staff Sergeant Moody was aspiring to that time when he might be known as Sergeant Major of Letterman Hospital. His aspirations were confirmed, and the progressive Sergeant continued to advance. February 13, 1943, just a very short two and one half months ago, found a new Moody of the Medical Corps-a Warrant Officer, junior grade. With his newest change of raiment his friends still girl lieutenant, has bagged her wish success and continued advancement to the genial new First Lieutenant.

Lieut. Moody has served quite a number of years in the Army and all of them in the Medical Corps. When he and Mrs. Moody arrived at Letterman in September, 1941, he was no stranger to this post. Letterman was his very first assign-

ment and he served from 1924 to 1926 in the Recreation Department of this hospital. He has also served in the Philippine Islands and Walter Reed Hospital-serving in the Sergeant Major's office at the latter hospital.

Lieut. Moody remarked to one of his well-wishers that he was genuinely sorry to part with his Warrant Officer bars. "Actually in the short two months I have had them. I have just begun to realize what they stand for." However, his grin when being congratulated was real and it was easy to see that he was not contemplating refusing the commission for any sentimental reasons -or any other reasons, for that matter.

Right now Lieut. Moody's problem number one is moving his family of three-Mrs. Moody, their young daughter Janice, and one small dog with a big bark—to new quarters. And, according to him, it is a problem. Not only does he dislike leaving his comfortable home and many friends, but the housing problem is terrific.

Lieut. Moody will continue in his duties as Assistant to the Post Adjutant.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Last Saturday the Presidio Post Chapel was the scene of the nuptials of Pvt. John P. Shea and Lieut. Catherine Casey, A.N.C. The bride and her attendant were attired in their new summer uniforms, and John P. replendent with his buttons polished brightly for the occasion, and a happy grin. The Detachment extends the pair its best wishes and good luck upon taking this important step . . .

SIGHTS AROUND TOWN

Among those thousands who were crushed into the Stage Door Canteen during its grand opening last week, we saw many familiar faces -especially those of S/Sgt. Nathan Edelstein and T/5th Gr. Bruce

The Circus came to town - and acting like 'kids" again-some of the Detachment members were lucky in obtaining tickets for one of the performances.

Former Pvt. first class Leo Schutz sporting Corporal stripes on his sleeves. Congratulations, "Schutzie."

And now we hear-via the grapevine - that Cpl. Walter Pulling is also thinking of wedding bells. Is it catching? or - Spring, when a man's fancy light turns, etc.?

IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE . . .

S/Sgt. Harris Hitt and T/4th Gr. Don Stone having their daily freefor-all . . . Seems they go in for public performances, too.

Question . . . Why has T/4th Gr. George Hopple become so mysterious all at once???

T/4th Gr. Joe Garnard (group 2 man) seems to enjoy the War Fire Drills so much that he is now seen on his post on his day off duty for said drill.

The students on the new Watering Detail seemingly getting more water on themselves than the lawn, and then wondering why they are SO cold . . .

Graduation, comes the 7th of the month . . . and another graduation. With the orders and ratings finally passed out, the wild rumors stopped, and it was only then that the students really knew where they were headed for. Again we send them out, bound for various parts of the country, with hopes for their success.

Q. M. NEWS

Dan Cupid must have been issued a "C" book because he's been gaining lots of heart mileage lately. He arrived at the Commissary last week-end; after acquiring enough courage he struck bashful bachelor Master Sergeant Charles Mehr in the heart, scoring another bull's eye with his famous arrow. When the wedding bells will ring, and the name of the bride-to-be, is still a mystery because "Charlie" either won't talk-or can't. The good news leaked out when his secretary, Lucile Glover, became suspicious of Sgt. Mehr' day-dreaming and frequent glances at a snapshot of a pretty girl under the glass on the top of his desk. Later, a glittering diamond ring was discovered in his possession but the sergeant won't admit that it is to be given to his girl friend. Nevertheless, the mention of his engagement changes his complexion to a bunny-ear pink and turns on the lights in his eyes. His condition makes "Exhibit A," a picture of a pretty girl "Exhibit B", and a diamond-studded gold and platinum ring "Exhibit C". Do we need any more evidence?

Smiling Sgt. "Pop" Latimer is back on the job again, handling the QM mail after being a hospital patient for a week.

Unpleasant news reaches us from the Chief Clerk's Office that Beryl Nelson's mother, in Grigham, Utah, is seriously ill. Beryl left last week to be at her mother's side. In the meantime, her duties are taken over by Eleanor Poskus, who is doing just as fine a pinch-hitting job in the Chief Clerks' Office as her regular position in the Property Office.

Colonel John P. Welch, former Letterman Quartermaster, paid a short visit to Letterman last Tuesday. Col. Welch is now the Commanding Officer at Richmond QM Depot, Richmond, Va.

ANOTHER FOGHORN STAFF MEMBER COMES BACK WEARING GOLD BARS



GEORGE E. MOREY
Second Lieutenant, Chemical Warfare Corps.

To the victor belongs the spoils and a man who has won his spoils the hard way is a former Sergeant of this Detachment, and now Second Lieutenant George E. Morey of the Chemical Warfare Corps.

Just four months ago the indomitable curly-haired Sergeant cocked his hat over his eye, took a hitch in his belt and headed for Officers Candidate School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. Infrequent bulletins to this office announced all well for a while—and then silence. Mister Morey was a victim of the pneumonia germ and though his advance in school was cut short, no damper was placed on his spirit or determination to make good.

Again the bulletins announced everything was progressing according to schedule—and again silence, and this time even more profound. It finally came to light that a childhood disease had made inroads—measles this time. After the measles attack no further word was heard from Mister Morey and this office had placed him officially on the list of "missing in action."

Last Monday, bright and early, a

tall, good-looking lieutenant strolled into the office. Yes! It was Lieutenant Morey. He had graduated the Saturday before and had lost no time in getting back to San Francisco. When questioned about his last illness, he confessed he felt a little ashamed that he hadn't picked some other sickness—other than a "child's" disease to slow him up.

There is one world that Lieutenant Morey did not conquer. The lieutenant left his heart at home in the best bachelor tradition when he went to school. But just to be different, he left it with two young ladies—and not just one. They are both married now—and not to the Lieutenant. Women are fickle.

Lieutenant Morey, unlike the usual ninety-five per cent of OCS candidates, did not come back a mere shadow of his former self. No twenty-five pound loss for him; he gained twenty pounds, and the curly hair over which he was forever fuming is no more. His set-to with school and sickness agrees with him.

To the victor belongs the spoils and he was victorious. Hail to the conqueror!

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The 717th has good reason to feel proud of the majority of its soldiers. By cooperation, team-work, and the absorption of Army discipline, these men have won many privileges for themselves and have won the respect of their officers. Let's keep it up, fellows.

Pvt. Curtis Howard and George Redix, Jr., are proving to be capable clerks in the company PX.

Pvt. Theodore Bartlett reports that Los Angeles is still quite a city—even if he did leave it for the Army. He is just back after a short trip.

Mother's Day is practically here. She will enjoy a card, letter, or personal message from her son in the service. Let's not forget.

Sgt. Williams, looking fit and feeling fine, enjoyed a 30-day furlough in the East.

Wedding bells will soon peal for T/5th Gr. Jurrant Middleton. He is sporting a million dollar smile, and has both of the rings. (What a man!)

The following men rate the spotlight for their work at the hospital where they are undergoing special training:

They are: Roy C. Lee, Precious J. Jackson, George Hall, Earle D. McMutry, Joseph Littles, Ruben H. White, Jimmie T. Savage, and Paul V. Weaver. We wish them success.

Our bouquet goes to 1st Sgt. John H. Smith and the valiant fight he is putting up to regain his health, so that he may get back in harness.





To Corporal and Mrs. James Clayton Burgess, a daughter, Brio Marlisa Burgess, born April 30, weight nine pounds, 2 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Braxton E. Small, a son, James Carter Small, born April 30, weight seven pounds, seven ounces.

To Private first class and Mrs. Orville W. Davis, a daughter, Louise Ann Davis, born April 30, weight six pounds, six ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Gordon E. Carpenter, a daughter, Norma Jane Carpenter, born May 2, weight seven pounds, one ounce.

To Corporal and Mrs. Joseph J. Costa, Jr., a son, Steven Lawrence Costa, born May 3, weight six pounds.

MORE ABOUT GENERAL PROMOTION

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Sorenson, Bellingham, Wash.; Joseph B. Sweet, born Denver; William B. Bradford, Tallahassee, Fla.; William B. Kean, born Buffalo, N. Y.; Frank Camn, Monroe, Va.; Harold A. Barnes, Amsterdam, N. Y.; George A. Horkan, born Augusta, Ga.; Ralph H. Goldthwaite, Boston; George E. Hartman, Brook Haven, Miss.; John C. P. Bartholf, Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y.; Ludson B. Worsham, Buntyn, Tenn.; Aaron Bradshaw, Jr., Fort Toten, N. Y.; Robert F. Travis, Savannah, Ga.; Boykin C. Wright, New York City; Arthur W. Pence, born Fort Monroe, Va.; John Merryman Franklin, New York City; Cecil R. Moore, Harrisonburg, Va.; Thomas S. Arms, Fort Benning, Ga.; Leo Donovan, born Selma, Ala.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

We have five departments in the hospital which are doing their bit in the War Bond Drive. Ninety percent or more of the employees are investing ten percent or more in the Drive for Freedom. These departments are: Civilian Personnel, Library, Bookbindry, Occupational Therapy and the Quartermasters Print Shop.

Now we will show you the other side of the picture. In comparison with last week, Letterman went backwards instead of forwards.

Here are the figures:

West Coast General Hospital	Partici Last \		Particip This V		Investm This W	
Sawtelle	67	%	100	%	13.66	%
Bushnell	86.5	%	100	%	11.1	%
Baxter	100	%	100	%	10.96	%
Hammond	97.67	7%	97.9	%	10.36	%
Torney	91.4	%	92.5	%	10.45	%
Mc Caw	87	%	92	%	9.07	%
Barnes	73.9	%	81.36	5%	7.79	%
LETTERMAN	79	%	78	%	7	%
Hoff	60	%	60	%	4.9	%



Keglers Still in Form Drop 2 More: Davis High Bowler

Once again the Letterman Bowling team managed to win only one game in the 890 House League at the Bagdad Bowling Alleys when they tackled the Stempel Donut team.

The Medics started out fine by winning the first game by a margin of 98 pins, with Sgt. Yohe rolling them for a 232 and the Medic's new find, T/5th Gr. John Davis, for a 224, followed by Sgt. Wilcox's 197 game. Sgt. Kuntz and Cpl. Marano had a hard time finding the head pin and were low bowlers for the evening. It was an off night for Cpl. Marano with his low of 468 for three games; it is the second time since he has been bowling for the Medics that he dropped below the 500 mark. Sgt. Kuntz had no excuse whatever; his ball just wouldn't find the center pin for the full count hit.

Cpl. Davis was high bowler for the Letterman team with a total pinnage of 562 followed by Sgt. Yohe with a 556. Third high was Sgt. Wilcox with a 536, followed by Sgt. Kuntz with a 478, and last was Cpl. Marana with a 468.

It appears that the Medics have entered a league a little bit too tough for them, with the Medics not averaging more than 870, they have dropped eight games out of 12 with no signs of winning a triple header in the future.

The results of last evening's play:

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL (1)

Marano	155	178	135-468
Yohe	232	155	169— 556
Davis	224	181	157— 562
Wilcox	197	202	137— 536
Kuntz	152	147	179— 478
Total	960	863	777-2600

STEMPEL'S DONUTS (2)

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Saysette	201	181	160-	542
Langford	180	184	179—	543
Schwartz	157	197	182-	536
Schultz	169	167	178-	514
Langton	155	199	138—	492
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Total	862	928	832-	2627



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Guadalcanal Vets Receive Purple Heart Awards

The Order of the Purple Heart was presented last week to Sergeant Cornelius H. Booth and Private first-class Adenago L. Chavez by Brigadier General Frank W. Weed. Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital. The citations for the awards were read by Major Frank R. Day, Adjutant. Both men were wounded at Guadalcanal while in action against the enemy.

Sergeant Booth, a native of Kannapolis, North Carolina, belongs to the Engineers. Sgt. Booth was one of a group which was guarding a water purifier against Japanese infiltration, and they were outnumbered three to one. The enemy moved in three times but were driven back each time. The Japs, in an attempt to disorganize the defending unit, threw hand-grenades-one of which, when it exploded, caused injury to Sgt. Booth's leg. He was taken to a field hospital where an attempt was made to save his leg but gas gangrene set in and it was necessary to amputate the limb. Sgt. Booth finally reached Letterman where he is recuperating from the wounds received at Guadalcanal on January 11th.

Pvt. Adenago, a member of the Infantry, was born in Hanover, New Mexico. After joining the Army he was sent overseas to the Solomon Islands. On February 15th of this year, while on Guadalcanal, he was hit by the rifle fire of a Jap sniper on combat patrol. His foot was almost severed above the ankle. It was five days before he reached a field hospital and gangreen had set in, and it was necessary to amputate his foot. He, also, is at Letterman recovering from his injuries.



South West Pacific war veterans Sergeant Cornelius H. Booth, left and Private First Class Adenago L. Chavez received the Order of the Purple Heart from Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding General of Letterman Hospital.

GOOD SALUTE MARKS GOOD SOLDIER SAYS COLONEL W. W. HICKS

Hicks first appeared in the August 13, 1942, issue of The ALERT, Ft. McArthur:

The way I look at saluting is something like this: You were all taught by your mother to say "Good Morning" and "Good Evening" when meeting friends on the street and it was considered good form for the younger to say it first to anyone older. It was just plain old-fashgood manners that your mother taught you.

Now that you are in the Army, the

This message by Colonel W. W. | salute is the military man's way of saying "Good Morning" or "Good Evening," if accompanied by the words-so much the better. The junior salutes first because he is usually younger, but the question of rank should not be considered as important for every person who is saluted is required to return the

Some of the new recruits that I have talked to feel that the salute is a form of un-American degradation invented by the Army to show

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Four Letterman Nurses Return After Two Years in Alaska

The staff at Letterman Hospital has been enlivened by the arrival of four nurses who returned this past week from a two-year tour of duty at a station hospital in Alaska.

Two of these Second Lieutenants. Violet Severson and Lillian C. Girarde, are not strangers at Letterman and it is really a "return" for them as they were stationed here in 1940, before their transfer to Alaska, March Field, California, is the nearest Vivian F. Flynn, the third member of the quartet, has been to Letterman previous to this time while Florence Coombs merely used California as a place to pass through on her way to Alaska.

A plea for tales of their interesting assignment causes these closemouthed nurses to hold a brief, whispered conversation and deliver the following ultimatum: "We would if we could, but we can't." We admire them for their discretion and will proceed to reveal what they will allow to be told about their careers

Miss Violet Severson was born in Iowa. "Iowa" in Indian means "sleepy people" and is not at all a suitable term for Miss Severson. Perhaps that is why she migrated to North Dakota early in her life. She attended schools at Beach and Bismarck and upon graduation from high school went into training at Bismarck Evangelical Hospital. She did general duty at that hospital until 1940 when she signed up with the Army Nurse Corps and was assigned to Letterman. After six months here she went to the Presidio of Monterey where she remained for a few months, leaving to go to Alaska.

An extremely loyal native daugh-(Continued on page three)

GENERAL SHOCKLEY COMMANDED TERMAN IN EARLY

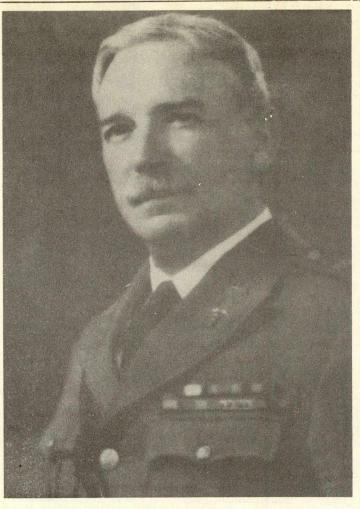
Brigadier General M. A. W. Shockley who was retired from active service in 1936 after nearly twoscore years service in the Medical Corps was Commanding Officer at Letterman General Hospital during the four years, November, 1931 to September, 1935. The thirty-nine years spent as an officer of the U.S. Army carried General Shockley through two periods of war in which this country was embroiled and took him to stations in many parts of the world.

General Shockley is a mid-westerner by birth, having first seen the light of day at Fort Scott, Kansas on May 13, 1874. His early life was centered around Fort Scott-having attended the public schools there. His preparatory schooling for medicine was completed at Leavenworth and University of Kansas and he went on from there to graduate from the Kansas City Medical College (Kansas University) with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1898. General Shockley also graduated from the formal military schools of Field Service and Correspondence for Medical Officers in 1914 and the General Staff School in 1922.

Unlike the Commanding Officers of Letterman Hospital who preceeded General Shockley he made his first contact with the military service as a Naval Cadet, and his service with the Navy ran from May 12, 1894 to June 26, 1895.

At the beginning of hostilities with Spain General Shockley was commissioned as First Lieutenant and served as Assistant Surgeon and Major Surgeon with the 7th United States Volunteer Infantry. This service was completed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, Lexington, Kentucky and Macon, Georgia and covered the years 1898 and 1899.

His Army service was not restricted at this time to the continental limits of the United States. After serving at Macon, Georgia he was assigned as Acting Assistant Surgeon for duty in Havana, Cuba and remained there until October, 1900, at which time he was sent back to the states for service at Fort Niobrara in Nebraska. The tour of duty at Fort Niobrara was short however and General Shockley soon found himself bound for foreign service in the Philippine Islands.



M. A. W. SHOCKLEY Brigadier General, U. S. Army, Retired

Army life for General Shockley for the next four years was confined to Jolo and Zamboanga in the Philippines; and whereas during most of the time his rank was that of First Lieutenant, February 17, 1905 found his first advancement become a reality when he received the commission of Captain, Medical Corps. It was during this Philippine tour that he participated in the second Taraca Expedition in 1904.

Commissioned Major, Medical Corps on January 1, 1909, General Shockley was serving at Fort George Wright at the time. Subsequent posts to which he was assigned until 1915 were at Camp Keithley and Camp Stotsenberg, Philippine Islands and Fort Niagra, New York, Columbus, Ohio and ultimately to Fort Leavenworth in Kansas. From 1915 to 1917

the Director of Field Service and Correspondence School for Medical Officers being held at Fort Leaven-

His next promotion occured on May 15, 1917 when he received the silver leaves of a Lieutenant Colonel and just six months later he was sent to France. From the time of his arrival in December 1917 on the European Continent until his departure in May, 1919 he served with the General Staff, General Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces. He was active in the San Mihiel, Ypres-Lys and Meuse-Argonne offensive and for his participation in these drives received from the French Government the Officier French Legion of Honor decoration. Also he was commissioned as Colonel, Medical Corps on Nothe then Major Shockley attended vember 18, 1917 but reverted to the country.

rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Regular Army upon honorable discharge in 1919

Subsequent to General Shockley's return to the United States he was assigned once again to Fort Leavenworth where he served until June 24, 1922 as instructor of the General Service Schools. After being relieved here subsequent assignments took him to Camp Knox, Kentucky as Surgeon and William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas as Commanding Officer. His promotion to full Colonel in the regular Army came on October 4, 1926 while at William Beaumont Hospital.

In August, 1927 he was assigned to duty as Surgeon and Professor of Military Hygiene at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and his tour of service here continued until November 3, 1931.

Orders were received at Letterman General Hospital just about this time that a new commanding officer had been assigned here effective November 4th. It was Colonel Shocklev; and for four years this man who had more than thirty years service and experience with the Medical Corps of the Army guided and planned the activities at Letterman. And during the depression years of the 'thirties' the ability and leadership of Colonel Shockley was much in evidence at this hospital.

Relieved of his command at Letterman he was assigned to the Sargeon General's Office as his assistant and with the rank of Brigadier General. These orders were effective August 1, 1935. However, a short time later, November of 1935 found him with a new assignment-this time to the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania as Commandant where he served until October 25, 1936 and then proceeded to his home to await retirement from the Army after thirty-nine years service.

As with many former Retired Officers who at one time commanded at Letterman Hospital, General Shockley has made San Francisco his home and he can take pride in the part he has played to help make Letterman Hospital one of the beauty spots in San Francisco as well as one of the finest hospitals in the

FOUR NURSES

(Continued from page one)

ter is Lillian C. Girarde, who was born and reared in Santa Cruz, California. In fact, she is so eager to see her hometown that she threatens to "thumb a ride" there if she doesn't have an opportunity to visit there soon. After graduating from high school, Miss Girarde went to the San Joaquin General Hospital at French, Camp, California, for her nurses training. Upon completion of her training in 1937, she wer,t to Carmel-by-the-Sea and remained there until May of 1940 when she joined the nursing staff at Letterman. She staved at Letterman for one year, leaving to 'take on" the Alaskan assignment.

The third member of our quartet hails from Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Miss Coombs attended the local schools and St. Agnes' Hospital at Fond du Lac for her professional training. She graduated in 1938 and stayed on at St. Agnes', to do general duty, for a year. While there she was Operating Room Supervisor. In 1940 she signed up with the Army Nurse Corps at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and remained there for a year. Then her orders came to go to Alaska, so she departed for the "frozen north."

Montevideo, Minnesota, is the hometown of Vivian F. Flynn. She attended school there and left only because it was necessary to go to Minneapolis for her nurses training. In Minneapolis she took up her studies at St. Mary's Hospital, and after completing her training she went to Michael Reese Hospital in Minneapolis where she did general duty. She joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1940 and her first assignment was March Field, Californiabut it lasted only six months, for she was transferred to Alaska.

Miss Girarde and Miss Flynn were the first of the quartet to reach Alaska, as they went with the original unit to establish the hospital. A few months later, Miss Coombs and Miss Severson joined them.

When asked how they liked their tour of duty in Alaska, they agreed that it was very interesting. However, when they were asked how much they enjoyed it, they could not seem to agree.

One thing is certain, however, they are enjoying their time off in San Francisco and are eager to see everything. But after a breathing spell this vivacious quartet will be anxious to take off again.



Recent arrivals at Letterman Hospital from the land of the Northern lights, Alaska, are left to right: 2nd Lieutenants Lillian C. Girarde, Violet C. M. Severson, Florence Combs and Vivian Flinn of the Army Nurse Corps.

SALUTING

(Continued from page one) the difference between enlisted men and officers. Well, an unwilling salute is a degradation both to the one who renders it and to the one who receives it. They also feel that officers get a kick out of it. They forget, if they ever knew, that officers must salute other officers, and that the junior salutes first, just as the younger people said "Good Morning" or "Good Evening" to their elders. Also they forget that it's just as much trouble for any officer to return a salute as it is for them to salute.

What we must always remember is that the manner in which the salute is rendered by an officer or man shows what kind of a soldier he is. If rendered correctly, promptly, in a military manner, he is a soldier who is proud of himself and his uniform, but if rendered in a sloppy, unwilling, unmilitary manner, he is just another civilian in uniform.

You may not know it, but the efficiency of an organization in its artillery work, guard duty, and Infantry drill can be pretty accurately gauged by three things, and the first of these is how the outfit salutes. The other two are how they maintain their barracks and personal eye and render the salute willingly, equipment, and the manner in which promptly and in a military manner. they wear their uniforms.

Let's be proud of ourselves as soldiers. Let's look everyone in the we are proud of!

United War Relief Reaps with Sale Of 'The Harvest'

A lithograph of Private Wally Alvarez' poem, "The Harvest" illustrated by Giacomo Patri, and which appeared in previous issues of the Fog Horn and the San Francisco Chronicle is now on sale at the Raymond & Raymond Galleries on Sutter Street in San Francisco.

Selling for one dollar a copy, fifty per cent of sale proceeds which go to Mr. Patri and Pvt. Alvarez is to be turned over to United War Re-

Laff of the Week-

Mitchel Field, N. Y. (CNS)— Upon arrival of a WAAC unit here, a Base regulation was made which permitted enrollees to date enlisted men only within their own grades. Privates could play only with auxiliaries, peefcees with auxiliaries, first class, corporals with junior leaders and so on.

Her face was sweet, her figure divine. We wanted to play off the Base at nine, We both had a pass, but alack and alas, She's a junior leader—I'm a private, first class.

T/4 Peter B. Woolley

We are no longer civilians in uniform but good soldiers in an outfit

YANKW17

BOB HAW Quizmster "THANKS TO THE YANKS Saturdays, C B S



1. Suppose you were going to exercise for 15 minutes and had your choice of swimming, sawing wood or walking upstairs - which one would require the most energy?

2. Is it possible for a man 25 years old to be a justice of the Supreme Court?

3. The words gourmet and gourmand refer to people who like food. What is the difference in their meanings?

4. When a Sergeant in the regular Army and a Lieutenant in the WAACs get into a car, who should go in first?

5. Is a WAVE required to serve overseas?

6. Give within one pound the amount of food that the average American adults eats every day.

7. Is the time in Algiers the same, earlier or later than the time in London?

8. Is the standard Pullman berth made up so that you can ride feet first or head first?

(Answers on Page 8)



SATURDAY, MAY 15:

10:15 a.m. SWIM for boys on the Post 8:00 a.m. DANCE to the music of the FORT MASON BAND

SUNDAY, MAY 16:

6:00 p.m. MOVIES in color and sound "SOUTH TO THE LAND OF THE CON-QUISTADORES"

7:20 p.m. VESPERS, a time of meditation and inspiration

8:30 p.m. LOBBY MUSICAL-program by the Pacifica Chorus, featuring sixteen young ladies in a concert of popular songs.

9:10 p.m. ALL SING-with Vera Frazier and Ed Rickman

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EDITORIAL

Military courtesy has for centuries been the privilege of fighting men all over the world. I use the word PRIVI-LEGE, because I consider it a privilege to render to my superior officers the courtesies that are due them. And I would say to you, look upon this as a sacred right—a right that was granted you when you donned the uniform of your country. Use that right and quard it, because it is just as much a part of you as the uniform you wear.

The same is true of military discipline. Discipline means instant, and willing obedience to orders. Where discipline is good, the customs of military courtesy are usually observed, and men who are courteous, are usually well schooled in the principles of good discipline.

To a man we should be proud of our uniform, and the country that it represents. Washington and his men at Valley Forge had little to be proud of in the way of uniforms. They were ragged and torn, and they were without shoes, but they were proud to be fighting for ideals and principles that they knew would live forever. And they will live forever, because you are the men behind these ideals in the present war. (from an address by Gen. Duncan to the men of command)

"THEY GIVE THEIR LIVES—YOU LEND YOUR MONEY"

Buy More War Bonds Today





We welcome to Letterman Chief Nurse Carolyn Wollenhaupt who has joined our staff.

Miss Wollenhaupt is a native of Dayton, Ohio, and attended school there. Upon graduation from high school she went into training at Miami Valley Hospital in her hometown. After two years of private duty, Miss Wollenhaupt became the "store nurse" for a large department store in Dayton, where she remained for thirteen years. In July of 1942, she joined the Army Nurse Corps at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Here she took special classwork and was in charge of the Mess. She became a Chief Nurse in November of 1942 and left Fort Knox the next month for Camp Young in the California desert country. She subsequently was the Chief Nurse at a station hospital and did temporary duty at Needles, also in the desert. Next she was transferred to Camp Stoneman for temporary duty where she remained until last week when she came to Letterman. Her avocation is photography, and she favors colored film.

Here for a course in anaesthesia are Amanda K. Johnson and Florence J. Glascock who arrived from Camp Stoneman this week.

Miss Johnson was born in Valparaiso, Nebraska, and attended high school in Lincoln, Nebraska. For her nurses training she went into St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln, where she graduated in 1939. She then did general duty at St. Elizabeth's until she joined the staff of Tecumseh Hospital in Tecumseh, Nebraska. She left to do private duty in Lincoln. In January of 1941 Miss Johnson signed up with the Army Nurse Corps and was assigned to Camp Robertson, Arkansas. After 14 months at Camp Robertson she was transferred to Perrinsfield, Texas. In August of last year she asked to be released from the Army Nurse Corps but re-entered last March and was assigned to Camp Stoneman.

Miss Glascock was born in Malta, Montana and graduated from high school in Saco, Montana in 1936. She had her professional training at



Mrs. Douglas Gabb enjoying the Thursday afternoon band concert from a point high in the Administration Building.

Chaplain Lester L. McCammon off on a horseback ride and returning out of uniform and minus a spur.

Reports from Sgt. Herbert Goldstein that all is well with him on his seven-day delay and he hopes the same for the bond office.

A picture-story of Major Glenn appearing in the Call Bulletin shortly after he left to enjoy a thirty-day sick leave back east.

The Red Cross workers and the WAACs together over a birthday caks for the WAACs.

Lieut. Lewis shy one gold bar.

Phyllis Jones none the worse for a trip to Tucson, Arizona with Jean Ruley—another Red Cross worker.

Mrs. Gwen Skopin volunteering news for the paper and deciding that maybe it was too important to print.

M/Sgts. Allen and O'Brien with their heads together which probably means a 'bad time' for one Medical Supply Sgt.

Life Savers



Use extra care when you are tired. Fatigue leads to carelessness.

the Montana Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls and remained on there for general duty. She was at the State Sanitarium for a year—until she left to join the Army Nurse Corps in March of 1942. Her station is at Camp Stoneman and she will return when her course at Letterman is completed.

THE CHAPLAIN'S

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 16, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Confessions before all Masses.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00

m.

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Lenzen Scrap Book Source of Great Joy To Patients

Have you an aversion to stories in serial form because it is seemingly impossible to catch all installments and bring the tale to a conclusion? For instance, you have finished Chapter 5 and are waiting with baited breath for Chapter 6 when, without warning, you are transferred, shipped overseas, or perhaps just can't seem to locate a copy of the magazine with Chapter 6 in it. Does the inability to bring the novel to a happy conclusion leave you with a feeling of frustration?

Thanks to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Lenzen of Park Ridge, Illinois, patients at Letterman Hospital will be able to escape the annoyance of the above situation. These thoughtful people have taken many absorbing stories from the pages of some of our national magazines and have bound them neatly. Among the stories is the "Mr. Tutt" series by Arthur Train.

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lenzen for contributing to the pleasure of our patients by sending the copies of the "Pass-Along Library" which they compiled.



Ray W. Zeren Clyde E. Conover

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. REX J. BARKER

Quiet, slender and determined, but with a definite sense of humor are the words that describe our buck for this week, Private Rex J. Barker. He has been a resident of Jackson, California for the last ten years of his life before entering the Army.

Pvt. Barker was born in Reedsprings. Missouri, on August 23, 1923 and he spent his childhood days in this ranching district. In 1933 his family moved westward and settled in the town of Jackson. Barker continued with his studies in this community by attending Jackson Union High school where he pursued a course of study in the sciences

All during his school years Pvt. Barker was active in athletics. Besides the usual track and basketball activities he was better than just good on the championship football team that wound up on top of the heap in the Mother Lode district in 1941.

Upon completion of high school Pvt. Barker started out in the business world by working in a grocery store in Jackson with the intention of saving enough money to buy a cattle ranch. His idea was realized about six months later when he was fortunate-or shrewd-enough to acquire a ranch outside of Jackson.

Barker's idea of ranching is in raising blooded stock only, and he had planned to specialize in Whiteface cattle. He was well on the way to a good start in ranching when on March 3, 1943 his number was 'up' and Barker was called to arms. His induction into the Army was at Monterey and from there, after the usual basic training, he was sent directly to Letterman Hospital. Since his arrival he has been assigned to duty in the Receiving and Disposition Office.

His hobbies are hunting and fishing and he hopes that he soon will for Uncle Sam.

MOTHER'S MESSAGE TO

This timely message from a mother to men in service of their country arrived at the office of the Fog Horn too late for publication in last weeks issue. We acknowledge the thoughtfullness of the writer and publish the letter herewith. Ed.

> Mothers Day 1943

To All The Men Who Have Faced Actual Warfare For A mother and All Humanity: Dear Men:

For whether you are eighteen or thirty-eight you are men, I as a Mother and a woman salute you.

On this day, Mothers Day, more especially this year than ever before, Mothers do want to accept the national acclaim. I personally, and I believe there are thousands of women who feel the same, accept this tribute most humbly. I want to acclaim this day, Mothers Day, in the name of you men you who have made us Mothers proud of the place we have in life. To offer all the joy and happiness to you men who thought not one instant of your own safety, needs or desires but instead offered your every effort, your lives, your last spark of breath, your last heart beat, your willingness to give life itself.

It is my sincere prayer this day and many days to come that you men will very soon recover from your injuries and shock and will soon be able to be up and about. I offer you a deep and lasting appreciation, a sincere and humble thankyou for your unselfishness and bravery. I shall never cease to pray for your safety and silently honor the Mothers who bore each of you fine American men.

Good luck and good cheer to each of you men, and God bless each of you.

Humbly and gratefully yours,

A Mother.

The Inquiring

Q. A buddy of mine who is now another guy. He says that men in overseas told me in a recent letter that he would like to take his I.Q. test over again (he only got 107 the first time) but Base Headquarters said there were no facilities for it. What's the score-isn't it possible to take an I.Q. test again overseas?

A. As far as we know there is no reference in Army Regulations stating that the test cannot be taken again overseas. Refer your pal to AR-625-5, paragraph 9, sub-paragraph b-2, and suggest to him that he might bring it to his C.O.'s attention.

Q. I'm having an argument with

be able to return to these pleasures and the cattle ranch. In the meantime, however, duty calls and so we shall wish Pvt. Barker success in his newest employment - working

limited service don't go overseas, and I say they do. Who's right?

A. You are. Limited servicemen are sometimes assigned to overseas duty. However, they will not be sent to a combat zone which is "uncongenial" with their limited physical ability. Overseas they will be assigned to clerical and administration work probably behind the front lines.

Q. I have had a great deal of experience in breeding and training pigeons in civilian life and would like very much to become connected with this work in the Army. How do I go about getting a transfer?

A. Your best bet is to apply for transfer to the Signal Corps. Make a written application to your C.O. giving the reasons why you'd be of greater benefit to the Army in this branch of the ser-

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. LYNN HALLET

From the town of Decatur, Illinois, comes tall, fair-headed Lynn Hallet -our "On the Spotter" this week. Private Hallet was born in Decatur in the year 1920 and centered his boyhood and vouth around the ranching district of Illinois.

Lynn attended the Barry School in Decatur and upon graduating he set out to find himself a place in the cattle business. With his youth-and ambition to reach the top rung in the ladder of success-in his favor, Pvt. Hallet started out at first by learning the fundamentals of the cattle industry by helping his father raise and butcher livestock. After a few years Pvt. Hallet saved enough money to buy himself a ranch and start his own business. Lynn struggled to get the kinks ironed out and the business running smoothly. It wasn't long before he was starting on the road to success and soon the business became too large for him to work by himself. He then hired six men to help him and bought another truck.

But along about that time came the war and the draft, which snatched up Pvt. Lynn on September 25, 1942, and he was inducted into the Army at Peoria, Illinois. At first, he was sent to St. Louis for a physical check-up and the habiliment necessary for his new career. Camp Beale, California, gave Lynn his basic training, after which he resumed his former work as a butcher.

An accident interrupted Lynn at this time and put him in Hammond General Hospital for treatment. Lynn was next transferred to the Presidio of San Francisco where he was assigned to lighter work.

Again Lynn had the misfortune to be hospitalized—this time at Letterman-and he hopes to be discharged from the hospital so that he can return to do his part in winning the war.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to Pvts. Harry P. Agruss, Joseph Bisdos, Frank W. Briggs, Crispin F. Lopez, Jewell E. Northcott, George J. Rusake, Harvey C. Gilbert, Ralph T. McCormick, Harold E. Pruett, Joseph M. Weber, Gerald H. Hein, Adolph Noce, Floyd H. Robinson.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Charles A. Clark, promoted to Staff Sergeants; Clarence C. Milotta and Frank L. Weller, promoted to Sergeants; Arthur A. Johnson, Daniel B. Bailey, Howard L. Reading, Stanley S. Boyd, Kenneth M. Sack, Ora D. Conley and Albert V. Glenn, promoted to Technicians fourth grade; John D. Hurst, George A. Ferrier, Merrill Harvey, John E. Mattison, Angelo L. Leone, Ward F. Schmidt, George E. Leyrer, Charles W. Wikoff, promoted to Technicians fifth grade.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

The need of a spelling bee in the receiving office if the 55A's are any example of their spelling.

T/5th Gr. John Mattison losing the air of calm since he has become NCO in the Information Office.

Sgt. Harry Ponerantz brings greetings from M/Sgt. Vaughan who is now Captain Vaughan at Percy Jones General Hospital.

That T/Sgt. Vaughn Yoemans, T/3rd Gr. Charles Wilcox and Pvt. Steven Yee are still keeping the noon day Pinochle session alive.

S/Sgt. Rosco Willey playing host in lieu of a celebration for Merle C. "Windy" West when he made Staff and staking him to a seat at one of the \$100.00 tables at the Stage Door Canteen. Thanks to Mr. Brock Pemberton of the Canteen.

T/4th Gr. Edward Chilgren persuading Pvt. Urban Louis to play volley ball and making him like it.

Sgt. Robert Harrington again on top of the rosy cloud of love since his wife came out to San Francisco to stay.

Sgt. Douglas Gabb coming up with some good Bond Promotion sales angles during the time he has taken over.

T/3rd Gr. Paul T. Jenkins, the new Simon Legree of the post, still very unpleasant about his emergency details.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE IS END OF THE LINE FOR WILSON GOOD WILL TOUR



MISS FRANCIS WILSON Civilian in Charge of Registrars Office

Way, way back in the Fall of 1937, a very charming young lady, Miss Frances Wilson, left her home in San Joaquin Valley and journeyed forth to make her mark in the world. She had been well trained at schools in Fresno, California, in the finer points of stenography and felt that the city of San Francisco needed her help; and of all places to start her impression, she chose Letterman General Hospital. As a member of the Red Cross secretarian staff she slaved diligently.

After fifteen months so employed, she recognized opportunity—in the form of Colonel William D. Herbert—when it knocked and Miss Frances Wilson became No. 1 to the Registrar at Letterman Hospital. And, according to her, the position she now holds is the best on the post because she works for the best 'boss.'

In an unhurried, pleasant—though often too persistent—manner, Miss Wilson winds up her work each day, leaving a shiny clean slate on which to start the new day's assignments. It is her job to see that the work rolls in smoothly to the Registrar, and the duties are multitudinous and often exacting. But there are never any 'hangovers' for the next day when Miss Wilson starts the produc-

tion line rolling in the Registrar's Office.

Miss Wilson is a collector and she specializes in phonograph records and miniature pitchers. Her library of symphony records, especially, is very good and she states that on each pay day she generally manages to get a new one for her collection. However, her pitcher collection is slower in growing, though at present there are some fifty to sixty in it. All pitchers—old, new, with or without handles and spouts—are acceptable, as long as they are not over six inches tall.

She declares that 'travel' was once an obsession with her—"possibly," she added, "because I had never been in San Francisco. Now when I start out on one of my 'Wilson good will' tours, I am practically homesick for San Francisco before I leave 'he city limits—so I don't go much anymore."

For those Californians who delight in the Los Angèles versus San Francisco argument, here is her version of that endless controversy: "I was born in Los Angeles and am not proud of it—San Francisco is the most wonderful city in the world; it has everything!"

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

This weekend the limelight swings to the Medical School. With great flurry the preparations for the new schedule, incorporating a model hospital ward to minute details, are being carried out. During the fourth week of instruction, previous to the students working at LGH, the main lecture room will be turned into a receiving office, the ward cubicaled into private rooms, designating the Medical and Surgical Sections, and the Non Com's office into a supply room. It is hoped that this will give the students a greater understanding of what is to be expected of them at both Letterman and the various stations after graduation.

Like the Old Lady in the shoe with so many children she didn't know what to do — S/Sgt. William "Mother" Vandewater seemed to have the same troubles on his trip while convoying some of the graduating students to their new posts.

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The Pharmacy School made its "closing stand" against the X-Ray Electrons in taking four out of four games during their volley ball match. Hooray for the Capsule Punchers.

The Detachment extends a welcome to the following men: Privates Paul W. Baran, William J. Caksey, Melvin L. Oberdick, Hugh S. Markell, and Rexford La Frenier, who were transferred to the Detachment after graduation to act as instructors in both the Medical and Surgical Schools.

CAMPUS SHOTS

Pvt. John Shea borrowing a few (?) things to take along on his weekend to Modesto to visit his bride of one week.

The new students being snowed under with all the regulations they MUST FOLLOW.

T/4th Gr. Richard Herzog seeming so happy to return to this Post after visiting an Airbase back East.

And now we hear that Cpl. Pezzella has joined the "Dawn Patrol"



Major Louis Parody, former Quartermaster preceding Lieut. Col. H. A. Stecker, visited his Letterman friends on a visit here last Monday. Major Parody is now stationed in Spokane, Washington.

Recent transfers were: Commissary's Sgt. "Jack" Craig and Property's T/5th Gr. Art Corrassa to the Garage. Sgt. George Devine, who was in charge of the Garage, is now in the Quartermaster Office replacing Sgt. Jim Larney as Acting First Sergeant. Larney is in Salvage and Reclamation Section. Sgt. Felix Trentowski was transferred to the Medical Section after serving 23 years in the QM Corps.

Cpl. "Al" Armendariz spilled the mercury in the Bond-Meter by purchasing \$50 and \$100 War Bonds.

Pvt. Hobart Montgomery of the QM Bakery returned to duty after his seven day furlough. We hear that he slept through his vacation right here in San Francisco.

Pvt. Art Mahoney spent his furlough in Reno and Carson City, Nevada. He returned to work at the Commissary reporting that he had a good time in Nevada but the weather was a little on the "caliente" side.

The Stork Was Here

To Technician fourth grade and Mrs. John James Bridge, a son, John James Bridge, born May 5, weight seven pounds, fourteen ounces.

To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Albert Lionel Hofstetter, a daughter, Linda Lee Hofstetter, born May 8, weight six pounds, fifteen ounces.

To First Lieutenant and Mrs. John Davenport Maharg, a son, Patrick Ebert Maharg, born May 8, weight seven pounds, thirteen ounces.

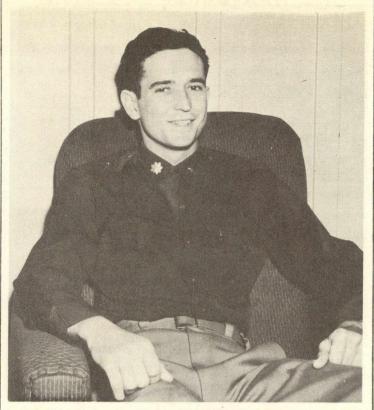
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To Corporal and Mrs. Harold Giese, a daughter, Pearl Amalie Giese, born May 10, weight seven pounds, thirteen ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Paul Stanfield, a daughter, Phyllis Anita Stanfield, born May 11, weight seven pounds two ounces.

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23-YEAR-OLD MAJOR BAILS OUT OF P-38 ON AFRICAN FRONT



JOSEPH A. GLENN, JR. Major, Army Air Forces

Wounded and hurtling out of the sky in a burning P-38 is no picnic, Major Joseph A. Glenn, Jr., can attest, and especially with enemy machine gun explosive bullets following you all the way down. The Major had that experience while flying over the battle lines in Africa and consequently wrote himself a return trip ticket to the United States as a patient.

Major Glenn was leading a group of fighter escort planes to a bomb objective when the attack occurred. It was just another routine flight when they left that morning—flying high above the bombers to protect them against German attacks from above. As his flight approached the battle front a large number of German Focke-Wolfe fighters dived out of the sun to intercept the bombers. The American P-38's took up the challenge and the battle was on.

For some time after the formation had been broken up, dog fights filled the sky and the American flyers had things pretty well in hand protecting the bombers. Then the Major noticed a German plane on Winona.

the tail of one of his men and at the same time saw another enemy plane coming in to intercept him. He felt that he had time to knock the first plane out of the sky before the other one could reach him. He was wrong.

"You travel so darned fast," he said, "that things happen faster than you realize. The first thing I did realize was that my instrument panel was being shot to pieces. Then I was hit in the shoulder and a bullet exploded in the cockpit chewing hell out of my thigh and knee. Just about that same time a gas line was hit and I had plenty of fire in my lap.

"I bailed out alright and worried more about drifting to our lines than about my wounds and burns, but I made it O. K. and here I am. That's all there was to it."

The Major is from the South—Mississippi—and was born in Winona just 23 years ago. At the present time he is enjoying a well-earned rest with his wife back at Winona.

717TH

Many of the men of the 717th have taken advantage of the opportunity to buy bonds, but not enough of them. Every man in the company should own at least two or more. We should also step up that insurance. After all, we can't live forever.

Several of our men enjoyed the Mother's day Son's breakfast given at the Buchanan USO. Later many of the boys attended Mother's Day services throughout the city.

Pvt. Thomas E. Jackson, S/Sgt. L. Anderson, and Cpl. Charles A. Brooks enjoyed many courtesies and parties in Los Angeles and each man is looking forward to return trips to the fair city of L.A.

The happiest man in the outfit is Cpl. Henry Scott—and no wonder, his lady friend from the 'hometown' will arrive in the city in a few days. With a little encouragement we think he might mention wedding bells to her.

We welcome S/Sgt. Ewin E. Parker to the 717th. His popularity speaks well for his ability to handle and mix with the men.

If Sgt. George Hill and Pvt. Richard H. Winn doesn't produce some fish soon, after boasting of their fishing ability, the company will have to place them on the null and void list. The company commander, Lt. Morris Henderson, has threatened to expose both of them by going out and catching fish himself.

Every man in the outfit is looking forward to the series of dances that will start in the next ten days.

Lieut. Samuel G. Chadman, who is on the sick list has the best wishes of all for a speedy recovery.

Serve in Silence

YANKWIZ

- 1. Walking upstairs.
- 2. Yes. There are no age limitations in the Constitution.
- 3. A gourmet is a connoisseur of wines and delicacies; a gourmand is a greedy or ravenous eater—a glutton.
- 4. The sergeant. A person of superior rank is preceded by the person of lower rank, when entering a car or boat.
- 5. No. The law passed by Congress limits their service to the continental limits of the United States.
 - 6. 3.97 pounds.
 - 7. The same.
 - 8. Head first.

News From Your Own Home Town

The Bronx, N. Y. (CNS)—Blind William Lloyd Jones claims he has never suffered from rheumatism as a result of being stung by bees frequently. He went into the beekeeping business seven years ago. When neighbors complain of his "babies" stinging them he gives 'em some honey to "sweeten them up."

Denver (CNS)—A convict lying in a hospital was ordered to surgery but just as the handcuffs chaining him to the bed were to be released the bed broke jamming the lock, Undersheriff Tom Mainland managed to open the cuffs anyway—with a borrowed bobby pin.

Evanston, III. (CNS) — The manpower shortage has forced coeds at Northwestern University here to carry their own dinner trays. Only casualty so far has been a tray of 30 raspberry sundaes.

Indianapolis, Ind. (CNS)—Fifteen-year-old Bobbie MacDonald had a naked dame tattooed on his arm. It caused quite a sensation among his schoolmates. The furor attracted his teacher who passed the buck to the principal. Finally Bobbie wound up in juvenile court where he was ordered to have a tattoo artist make the lady decent with a pair of panties and a brassiere.



Arthur F. Harris

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Now that certain branches of the civilian personnel have had pay increases the sale of War Bonds have shown a decided change for the better. Here is a table to show how Letterman did last month and the increase:

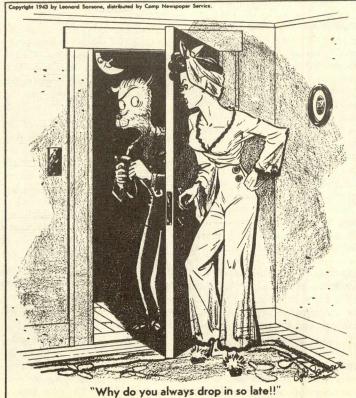
Military Personnel Civilian Personnel Increase
Buying Bonds Buying Bonds This Month
\$3,876.25 \$5,952.50 \$637.50

There are people who bought bonds outright this week besides having the payroll reduction plan. 2nd Lieutenant Eleanor L. Mitchell bought a \$500 War Bond; Corporal Alfred H. Armendariz 150 dollars worth of bonds; Edith H. Turner; Birdie Geminiani; Vera M. Jordan and Elizabeth D. Cammel each bought a \$25 Bond.

The War Bond Office is located on the second floor in the Administration Building in room 202 and can be reached by phone at local 2761.

The Wolf

by Sansone



The Worm Turns— Letterman Keglers Take Full Series

The Letterman Hospital bowling team finally won two out of three game series in the 890 House League at the Bagdad Bowling league when they tackled the Bendix Washer quintet. The Medics lost the first game by a margin of 99 pins, and then came back in the second and third to win going away. They beat the clothes cleaners in the last game by a margin of 129 pins.

Corporal Frank Marano was high bowler for the evening with a total pinnage for three games of 611, his first six hundred series since the team was organized. He was removed from lead-off position and was replaced by Stf. Sgt. Walter Yohe and taking off the pressure he came out with the best series he has rolled in a long time. His low game was 199 and his high was 211, very consistent.

Sgt. Wilcox was second high for the evening with a total pinnage of 591, with a high game in the third totaling 238. Sgt. Yohe and Sgt. Kuntz were close throughout. Corporal Davis was favoring a sore arm from last week's bowling and had to relax somewhat but managed to do all right. This is the second time he has bowled in over eight months and hasn't had enough practice yet to limber his arm properly.

Last Friday night Sgt. Henry Kuntz wanted some practice and tossed a few down the Bagdad Alleys and bowled a high game for the evening registered by the Chronicle and the Examiner with a score of 230 which he claimed was bowled left handed. Some times we wish he would make up his mind which arm to use while bowling, although they are both good.

Letterman General Hospital:

Yohe	185	199	152- 536
Marano	199	211	201- 611
Davis	144	135	167— 446
Wilcox	178	175	238— 591
Kuntz	177	181	187— 545
Series	883	901	945-2729

Bendix Washers:

Deliuix Washers.			
W. Watson	205	164	166— 535
A. Hagerty	175	195	169— 539
J. Hroza	189	192	159— 540
R. Evans	180	192	166— 538
M. Lovestad	233	150	156— 539
	982	893	816-2691

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Patients Have Part In Birthday Party Held for WAACS

Joining in the general celebration of the first anniversary of the organization of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, four auxiliaries of that organization entertained a group of patients at the Recreation Center on Saturday, May 15.

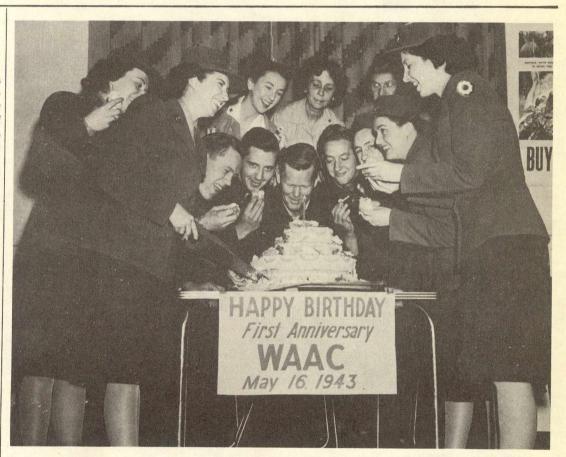
The WAAC's came well prepared for the occasion, bearing a birthday cake beautifully decorated in patriotic colors and donated by the Lucca Pastry Shop of San Francisco.

The program was all the more enjoyable by reason of the fact there were no set speeches. The patients were not long in having the opportunity to sample the cake and express the wish that the WAAC's might have many birthdays in the future and all of them with the same trimmings. Those participating in the celebration were Auxiliary Helen Young and Auxiliary Dorothy Roper of the Oakland Office, while San Francisco was represented by Auxiliaries Kay Richards and Frances Pellicier. Miss Grace Edwards and Miss Vena Ewing, Recreation Directors of the hospital staff, cooperated in making the party a suc-

The WAAC's at the present time are conducting an active campaign for recruits for their organization, The year just past has demonstrated the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps is an asset to the Army and one which the regulars would like to see increased in numbers as it will in value.

UP FROM RANKS

Major Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, director of the training division of the Army Service Forces, served as an enlisted man for six years prior to World War I. Among other things he was a cook for the 18th Infantry.



PATIENTS TURN CAKE EATERS

When the WAAC first anniversary was celebrated last week it fell to the lot of some of our patients to help the auxiliaries eat the big cake presented to them for the occasion. Reading from left to right—back row—Aux. Helen Young, Aux. Frances Pellicier, Miss

Vena Ewing, Miss Grace Edwards, Chaplain Lester L. McCammon, and Aux. Dorothy Rogers. Front row—Patients Russel Wendell. Arnold Artz, Alfred Selke, James Varnes, Philip Ratliff, and Aux. Kay Richards.

EAGLES ALIGHT ON THE SHOULDERS OF COL. ROSS PAULL

with hearty acclaim by all of his associates on the hospital staff has elevated Lt. Col. Ross Paull to the rank of Colonel, Medical Corps, and he will continue in his present as-

Colonel Paull is an outstanding member of the medical profession from the southern end of this state signment as Chief of the Medical and in the period of over two years his present assignment.

A promotion that will be greeted | Service at Letterman General Hos- | since he joined the Letterman staff on extended active duty he has given service of the highest quality. He maintains the high standard established by his predecessors in

GENERAL BROOKE HAD LONGEST TOUR AS C. O. AT LETTER

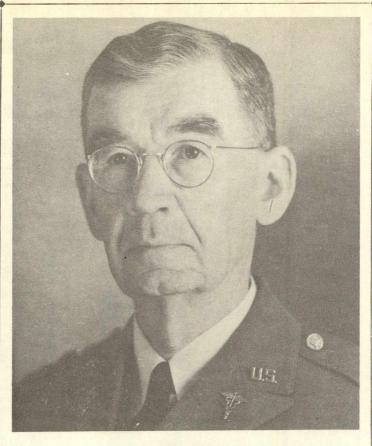
Sixteenth in the order of succession among the Commanding Officers of Letterman General Hospital was Brigadier General Roger Brooke, who was the Commanding General of this command for a period of almost five years. He joined this station on August 17, 1935 and was relieved on March 20, 1940, to assume command of the Army Field Service Schools at Carlisle Barracks. Pennsylvania.

To the old-timers still at Letterman who were here during his tour of duty, it seems as though it were only yesterday that he left with the promise to come back sometime and make his home in San Francisco. In that he merely kept up the tradition established by all of his predecessors and even today all former Commanding Officers of Letterman who still survive are residents of this community.

General Brooke was born at Sandy Spring, Maryland, on June 14, 1878, the son of Roger and Louise (Thomas) Brooke. After graduation from the George School at Newton, Pennsylvania, he entered the medical school of the University of Maryland in Baltimore and was graduated in 1900 with honors.

He joined the Medical Corps of the United States Army on June 29, 1901, as a first lieutenant, passed through the various grades and was appointed a brigadier general on January 29, 1938. After graduating from the Army Medical School in the class of 1902, he had a tour of duty in the Philippines. Other early service included duty at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, a term at the Letterman General Hospital, another at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and as Attending Surgeon in Washington.

He spent the period of the first World War in instruction work, serving from September 1917 to December 1918, first as senior instructor and later as Commanding Officer of the Medical Officers' Training Camp at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia. At the latter camp ten thousand officers and seventy thousand enlisted men were prepared for service with the armed forces. For the excellent work he performed while at Camp Greenleaf, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. In June of 1920 he received an honorable discharge from the Armyholding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel at the time.



ROGER BROOKE Brigadier General, United States Army

When he again took up his military duties, his tours of duty included the Office of the Surgeon General, where he was Chief of the Tuberculosis Section; the Division of Medicine, Veterans' Bureau, as Chief Medical Consultant: Gorgas Hospital in the Canal Zone; and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he was the Commanding Officer of the largest station hospital.

Brought again to the Office of the Surgeon General in 1935, he was placed in charge of the Professional Service Division. While on this duty he was promoted to Brigadier General and sent to assume the command of Letterman General Hos-

Early in his Army career General Brooke interested himself in internal medicine and became wellrecognized as one of the foremost in that field that the Corps had produced.

Well-versed in the study of tuberculosis from his early service at Fort Bayard, he instituted the first routine examination of the chest by talents. His friends will long re-

X-Ray-the first time it had been done in the military service-at the Overseas Recruit Depot at Fort Slocum, New York, in 1935.

He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and of the American College of Physicians, a member of the American Medical Association, the American Society of Tropical Medicine, the National Tuberculosis Association, and of the Association of Military Surgeons. He contributed a number of articles to the pages of the Military Surgeon and other medical journals.

General Brooke was married in 1905 at Baltimore to Grace M. Macomb of that city.

Death came to General Brooke as the result of a heart ailment on Deecmber 18, 1940, at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C.

General Brooke had a gift of vision of the possibilities of disease prevention. He was quiet-spoken, gentle in manner, modest and unassuming in the exercise of his great

member him for his notable qualities and for the simple strength of his character.

Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, has been named in his honor.



To First Lieutenant and Mrs. Stanley Osborne, a daughter, Nancy Rose Osborne, born May 12, weight nine pounds.

To Sergeant and Mrs. J. O. Smith, a son, Rocky-Otho Smith, born May 16, weight eight pounds, two ounces.

To Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Wilbur Burke, a daughter, Mero-Ann Burke, born May 16, weight seven pounds, one ounce.

To Corporal and Mrs. Clarence Fechner, a son, Charles William Fechner, born May 17, weight five pounds, fifteen ounces.

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To Corporal and Mrs. Edgar M. Freeman, a son, Edgar Michael Freeman, Jr., born May 17, weight five pounds, ten ounces.

SATURDAY MAY 22

10:15 a.m. SWIM for boys on the Post

8:00 p.m. DANCE to the music of KEN MC DONALD & HIS BAND

SUNDAY, MAY 23

6:00 p.m. MOVIES: "Land of Liberty" a masterful production, depicting the history of our country as taken from parts of famous old pictures.

7:20 p.m. VESPERS, guest speaker Mr. Roger Deas, prominent business man and religious leader.

8:30 p.m. LOBBY MUSICAL, featuring the VICTRIOLET-TES String Trio, with Lucille Udovich, soloist.

9:20 p.m. ALL SING, with Vera Frazier and Ed Rickman.

Purple Heart Medal Is Awarded to Pvt. Lawrence Kerber

Last week the Order of the Purple Heart was awarded Private Lawrence Kerber, who is a patient at Letterman Hospital where he is recuperating from wounds received in the Buna Gona campaign. Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, made the presentation and Major Frank R. Day read the citation for the award.

Pvt. Kerber was born November 4, 1917, in the town of Westwood which is a suburb of Cincinnati. Ohio. He attended the Ohio Mechanics Institute where he took a two year course in mechanical industries. He began his apprenticeship in brick-laying and attended Westernhills Night High School. After graduating in 1937, he followed the brick-laying trade for over six years. During this time he developed quite an interest in a large roller-skating rink in Cincinnati and is now a stockholder.

In November of 1941 he left his brick laying trade to embark on an Army career and became Private Lawrence Kerber at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. After receiving his basic training at Camp Walters, Texas, he was sent to Fort Devans, Mass. Next came his transfer to Fort Ord, California, where he remained until he left for overseas, April of last year.

On his participation in the Buna Gona campaign, he says: "I was wounded by a sniper on December 26 as our company was attempting to get through to another company of men encircled by the enemy. They were very low on food and had wounded with them; we just had to get them out. We were crawling through tall grass. The men covering our advance were firing in trees and all other likely spots where enemy snipers might be. The Japs took advantage of the gunfire and opened up with machine guns with their famous cross-fire. We flattened out as much as possible but four of us were wounded. My platoon sergeant was killed. I could tell from the angle of my wounds that the bullets came from high in a tree on our flank."

"I was flown from the front to Australia where I was kept in a hospital for a week. I finally embarked for the United States and arrived here last March, where I have spent nine enjoyable weeks.



BACK FROM BUNA AND DOING ALL RIGHT

When the cast of the "Gypsy Baron" came out to entertain our patients this week two of the gang were fortunate in getting a little personal attention from a quartette of the young stage stars. Reading from left to right

-Shirley Crowell, Alvin Rusk, of Alliance, Neb., Mary Bradley, Ann Berkeley, Mervin Kimbrick, of Hecla, S. D., and Shirley Wol-

Sports Slants From Other Camps

Len Barnum, former hard-running back of the N. Y. Giants, pro football team; is an ensign in the Navy and is being indoctrinated at the Navy Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Pvt. Myron Miller, former student at U. of Wisconsin, has entered the Army and is stationed at Ft. Sheridan, III. Miller was first freshman ever to win the National Collegiate 165 - pound boxing title.

Greg Rice, America's greatest distance runner and now a chief specialist in the U. S. Maritime Service, received two track trophies recently at the annual allsports dinner of the New York Athletic Club. He was awarded the Track Writer's Association plaque for being voted the out-

four years that Rice has won the trophy. The other prize was awarded to the distance ace for athletic progress in 1942.

Former big-league ball players now in the line-up of the Mather Field (Cal.) team are Sgt. Joe Marty, Chicago Cubs outfielder; Myril Hoag, N. Y. Yankees and Chicago White Sox gardener; and Tony Freitas who has pitched both in the major and minor leagues.

Ben Johnson, Negro sprinter and holder of five world track records went from private to warrant officer in four months. The former Columbia U. dash-man is stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga.

the Track Writer's Association plaque for being voted the outstanding performer of the indoor N. J. Sgt. Ed Longacre defeated ways makes some people dizzy.

season. This is the third time in Hoppe - not in billiards, but in pool. Final score was 75-53.

PFC James Smith was heavyweight champ of Camp Robinson. Fred Westphal, varsity end at Cornell last year, is a flying cadet at Keesler Field, Miss.

Sgt. Dan (Buddy) Hall, former Yankee farm hand, is on the athletic staff at Camp Lee, Va., and letic staff at Camp Lee, Va., and took part in the Post boxing tournament. He was eliminated in first round by Claiborne, La., and took part in the Post boxing tournament. He was eliminated in first round by Claiborne, La., and took part in the Post boxing tournament. He was eliminated in first round by Claiborne, Wayne was eliminated in first round by Claiborne, was eliminated in fir

Date Request Note Dropped by Flier

Lowry Field, Col. (CNS) -Dropping requests for dates from the skies is a new technique used by Army airmen here. In nearby Denver a man saw a white handkerchief flutter to earth and found an exploded machine gun shell attached to it. He took it to a police station where examination showed the shell contained a Willie Hoppe, world's champ at note from a flier to a young lady

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL PREPAREDNESS

The announcement in the press of the nation that less than three per cent of the wounded in this war have become fatalities is a splendid tribute to the high degree of preparation established by the medical departments of the Army and Navy which enabled their personnel to meet even such an unprecedented situation as created by this war.

The low mortality rate is a natural consequence to intelligent care and treatment in combination with the advanced methods of medication and surgical procedure developed by the medical profession in the long period of peace between World Wars. It plainly indicates that our physicians and surgeons were cognizant of all developments along professional lines and ready to adapt the same to the military sphere.

The care of the sick and wounded is a very important function of any command from the lowest unit up through the highest centralized command. It is a function calling for specialized knowledge on the part of those to whom it is entrusted and for the best results all elements in the overall program should be within the exclusive province of such specialists.

In this great war the Medical Department has a tremendous job on its hands; a task it faces with the calm assurance that its personnel and its facilities are qualified to accomplish. The care of the sick and wounded is in competent hands and we have every mal routine.



The staff of this hospital extends a hearty welcome to the following nurses who arrived at Letterman this week:

FRANCES M. HANSON is a native of California, having first seen the light of day in Fresno, California. She attended high school in Dinuba, California, graduating in 1930. After a year at Reedley Junior College, she left to go into nurses' training at Mount Zion Hospital in San Francisco. After graduating in 1934, she did general duty at Mount Zion and the University of California Hospital; while at Mount Zion she became Assistant Supervisor. In 1938, she changed her career from nursing to marriage. She again took up her chosen profession in 1940, when she joined the Agricultural Workers' Health and Medical Association's staff. Besides being a member of the association's nursing staff, she gave talks in line with the Public Relations, social service and public health duties of the organization. In 1942 she resigned to become Supervisor at the Lindsay Hospital in Lindsay, California. While at Lindsay she put in her application for the Army Nurse Corps and on May 14th last she took her oath and came to Letterman on her first assignment.

Also a native of California, FRAN-CES WILLIAMS, was born in San Pedro. She attended San Pedro High and Compton Junior College. After a year at Compton Junior College she launched on a business career but at the end of four months left to go into training at San Diego Mercy Hospital. After graduating in 1942 she did general duty there until she left to join the staff of the Phelps Dodge Hospital in Jerome, Arizona. In April of this year, Miss Williams went to Fort McArthur where she took the preliminary steps of joining the Army Nurse Corps, and this

reason to look for even a further lowering of the percentage of fatalities as the result of wounds.

The Medical Department maintains a high state of preparedness as a matter of normal routine.



Colonel Brook C. Grant, formerly of our number, hopping off a train to the station platform at Trenton, N. J., to greet a Letterman old timer and hopping back on board the train en route to New York.

Brig. Gen. Raymond F. Metcalf, on active duty at the War Department, sending greetings to the old timers at Letterman.

The warm expansive smile of Major General Emery S. Adams, one time A. G. across the lot, still in good working order as he asks about folks still fortunate enough to be out this way.

Colonel John F. (Nemo) Lieberman, wearing his new eagles with aplomb and thinking where he might be getting his mail in the immediate future.

Lieut. Harold L. Monsey waiting at the Salt Lake airport for a seat on westbound plane. And still waiting at last reports.

The arrows leading to the office of Brig. Gen. George C. Lull in the office of the Surgeon General. One just can't miss under the existing set-up.

Lieut. Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, acting Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, taking a hold on her new job and being measured for the accompanying eagles.

The cigars in the staff room in traditional recognition of the promotion of Major Lloyd G. Welty. An old army custom—and a good one.

week took her oath and came to Letterman.

Born in Victoria, Alabama, RUTH ALLEN, attended school at Tampa, Florida. She took her nurses' training at the State Hospital at Chattahoocheee, Florida, graduating in 1928. She did private duty for a year and then left Florida for California where she joined the staff of the United States Veterans Facility in Los Angeles. Last week she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps and joined the Letterman staff.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Sunday, May 23, 1943
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Confessions before all Masses.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Ashes of Colonel Rowan Interred in Arlington Cemetery

The ashes of the late Colonel Andrew Summers Rowan, who was immortalized in the "Message to Garcia" written by Elbert Hubbard, were interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, on Friday afternoon of last week.

Present at the ceremones were Brig. Gen. James Kerr, retired, who was a classmate of Col. Rowan at West Point in the class of 1881, and Brig. Gen. Frank B. Watson who had served under Col. Rowan with the 19th Infantry years ago. Also present were the Military and Naval attaches of the Cuban Embassy and a delegation of congressmen from the State of West Virginia.

Colonel Rowan died at Letterman Hospital on January 10, 1943. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Josephine Morris Rowan, of San Francisco.

Chaplain MacNeil Returns to Duty

Chaplain Donald M. MacNeil has returned to duty after a protracted absence on account of illness. The chaplain left here in March to attend a session of the Chaplains' School at Cambridge, Mass., where he became ill at the end of the course. He was sent to the station hospital at Fort Banks and later to Lovell General Hospital to complete his recovery.

The chaplain was accompanied on his return to San Francisco by Mrs. MacNeil who will visit for a short time before leaving for the family home in Nachez, Washington.

Chaplain MacNeil received a warm welcome from the many friends he had made in this command by his genuine interest in their welfare and an eagerness to be of service.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. FRANK W. BRIGGS

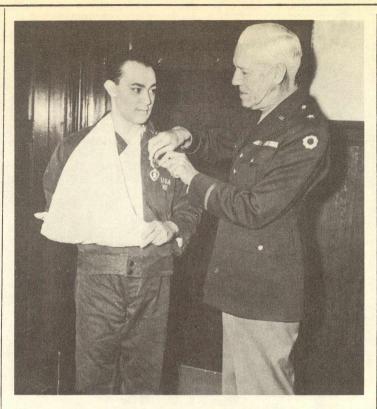
Our buck of the week has the distinction of being a "local boy." In fact, he is almost a native son. Private Frank W. Briggs is his name and, although he was born in Concord, New Hampshire, on January 1, 1909, he has spent the greater part of his life here in San Francisco.

Frank was a mere lad of seven when he made the long trek from Concord to this fair city. Upon arrival here, he entered St. Joan of Arc School and graduated therefrom in 1923. Immediately upon leaving school, Briggs went to work for the Victor Record Company and was employed there for five years. Being satisfied with the record he had established with the Victor Company, Frank found employment with the U.S.L. Battery Corporation. His ability so electrified his employers that they soon promoted him to the position of foreman.

Private Briggs, then known as Foreman Briggs, worked for U.S.L. Corp., until 1942 and then found employment with the Pacific Bridge Company as a flanger constructing floating drydocks.

On March 5, 1943, Briggs received a communication from his draft board that floated him right out of his drydocks and into the Army. He soon found himself at Boise Barracks, Idaho, where he underwent his basic training. The rest of the story is obvious. Here he is, a member of Letterman's Messenger Service.

Private Briggs is—and we quote
—"quite a baseball fan." His love
for the Seals is only exceeded by his
affection for his parents. Frank also
indulges in a bit of soft ball and
must be quite a bowler because,
while a member of the U.S.L. bowling team, his outfit won the 1939
industrial league championship.



Pvt. LAWRENCE KERBER
Receiving the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart from the hands of Brig. Gen. Frank W. Weed for meritorious services rendered in the Buna-Gona campaign.



ON THE SPOT



Pyt. WILLIAM T. BAILEY

This weeks' On-the-Spotter is Pvt. William T. Bailey. Bill's story is typical of that of many young men in that it is so simple and yet so interesting.

Born in Rushville, Indiana, on July 22, 1922, Bill attended grade school, and then went on to round out his education at Rushville High school, where he majored in Vocational Agriculture. While attending High School, Bailey was on the Corn Husking team and took second place in the local contest, which is quite a feat in any man's country.

Upon completing his course at Rushville High in 1940, Bill worked on a farm for six months and put into practice the training he had received at school. Recognizing the fact that the horseless carriage was here to stay, Bill went to work in a Service Station and showed his faith in this enterprise by investing in a half interest in the business. Bill worked at the Station continuously and with no little success until Dec. 7, 1942. To commemorate that memorable day. Bill's draft board sent him a notice requesting his presence and Dec. 20, 1942, found him at Fort Benjamin Harrison, and then a quick trip to Salinas Garrison, Salinas, California, where he started a two months period of Basic training. His training completed, Bailey was then sent to Palo Alto attached to the Western Defense Command in the capacity of rifleman and guard. While at Palo Alto, Bill took a course in First Aid and, as usual, passed it with flying colors.

At present, Bill calls Ward M-1 home but hopes to return to duty very soon. When this war is over, he intends to go back to his home town and resume in the Service Station business right where he left off. We also hope it will be soon, Bill.

A welcome is extended to Pvt. Aubrey W. Birkelbach who joined the Detachment during the week.

Good luck to Pvt. Jacques M. Barnat who left the organization for a new post.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Andre Pascal and Louis C. Sullivan promoted to Staff Sergeants; Joe Orlowski promoted to Technician third grade; Frederick L. Jensen, Peter E. Sannes, Bernhard H. Oltmann, Waverly T. Carpenter, Clarence C. Silva, Walter T. Greenberg, Anthony B. Polock and Thomas P. Clifford, appointed Sergeants; James E. McDavid, Russell E. Carrow, Herman Gillman and Earl B. Hiett promoted to Technicians fourth grade; Filbert J. Lazzari, Lloyd G. Bennetts, Kenneth G. Gilbertson, James C. Howell, Willard C. Richard, Bowman H. Hoerl, Howard R. Attebery, Wayne C. Braden, Edward Hee, James E. Lewis and Antonio J. Montes, promoted to Technicians fifth grade.

INTERESTING TO SEE

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein back in the War Bond Office after a short visit at home.

S/Sgt. Lowell Jenkins pitching horseshoes every noon period to keep his waist line in condition.

S/Sgt. Henry P. Smith moving the men from T/32 in a moment's notice and changing the barracks into a ward in the same afternoon.

Sgt. Walter T. Greenbery telling T/5th Gr. Paul B. Benkert that the only way to sharpen his wits is to sit in a pinochle game.

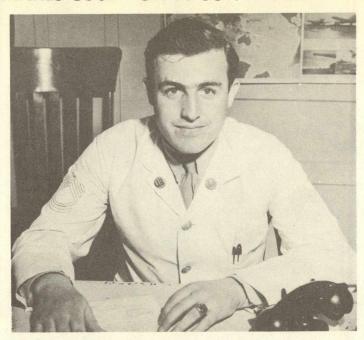
T/5th Gr. John Barsocchini and Pvt. Alvin J. Cheetham showing some of the internes how to play tennis.

Pvt. William Adsit taking precautions by making sure that he has his cap on when taking a sun bath.

NEW CORPORALS

George O. Bassman Charles E. Hanley Isadore Lanfranco

JUST ANOTHER NATIVE SON WHO MAKES GOOD—STAFF SGT. BRENSEL



ERNEST L. BRENSEL Technical Sergeant, Med. Department

We have waited a long time for this. Time after time we have been put off but, after waiting and watching patiently, we caught Technical Sergeant Ernest L. Brensel between a pill and a pestle and made him talk. As NCO in charge of the Letterman Pharmacy, Sgt. Brensel has very few free moments and, being rather reticent by nature, this adds to the dificulty of getting him to talk about himself. In fact, the way he squirmed all through the interview, would make a person think that we were making him take some of his own medicine.

To get on with our story, Sgt. Brensel was born in Richmond, California on December 16, 1916 and thereby automatically became a "native son." Ernie attended grammar school in Richmond and then went on to St. Mary's High School in nearby Berkeley. While at St. Mary's, he majored in Academics with an eye to attending college. In order to help meet the expenses of his high school education, young Ernie found employment at Moore's Pharmacy in El Cerrito as a general handy man. His exposure to the life of a pharmacist instilled the desire in him to pursue this profes-University of California with that Camp Grant. purpose in mind. One year at U. C. His basic training completed, on the Presidio.

convinced him that his educational expenses exceeded his accrued savings and so he dropped out of school for one year and worked for the Standard Oil Company, saving and scrimping every hard-earned cent. With his savings account bolstered by this year of labor, Brensel went back to school-this time to Washington State University at Pullman, Washington, in 1936.

June 1940 found Ernie graduating from Washington State and to prove that his was a "deed accomplished", he passed both the Washington and California State Pharmacy Boards with flying colors. A full-fledged pharmacist in his own right, Brensel went back to his native locale and started in again at his first place of employment; no handy man job this time, however.

On March 13, 1941 Brensel received a prescription that only he himself could fill. The prescription required 100% of Brensel to be merged with a proper amount of G.I. equipment, garnished with a one-way ticket to Monterey, and was signed by his local draft board. The board did not have to wait long to have this prescription filled. Two weeks at Monterey aged the mixture sufsion and, upon his graduation from ficiently and then came a four high school in 1934, he entered the months' "rounding out" period at

The return of 1st Sgt. George Austin, Jr., to the company is the high-light of the week. His ability as an organizer and teacher is well known to the 717th.

We are proud of the following men: Roy C. Lee, Ruben H. White, James Crouch, Joseph Littles, Marvin B. Perry, Jimmie T. Savage, and Precious Jackson, who have left the company to do a job for "Uncle" in the improvement of our youth. We wish them luck.

In the interest of public safety on the company streets, we ask that no one remove Sgt. Eugene William's whistle; we fear that both he and the company will be at a loss.

The progress of the volley ball team is highly satisfactory. These men are proving very capable: George Redix, Jr., Theodore D. Bartlett, Thomas E. Jackson, Cpl. Henry Scott, George Talbert, S/Sgt. Willie E. Reid, Sgt. Eugene Williams, Pvt. Pleasant Fractious, Floyd Hunter, and Mack Campbell. They will be ready to offer challenges in the near

Cpl. Robert Harrison, an able athlete, who is on the injured list, will probably rejoin the company shortly. He is now convalescing at Letterman.

A good soldier is measured by his ability to take care of his job. Using that measurement, Sgt. Orbia Holloway is doing a good job of soldiering at Letterman

Brensel was sent to the 64th Medical Regiment at Camp Bowie, Texas in the capacity of Dispensary Clerk and Acting Sergeant.

Two months later found him in Louisiana participating in maneuvers. Soon after the maneuvers had been completed, he requested a transfer to Letterman and arrived here in November of 1941. He did ward duty for one week and was then sent to the Pharmacy where he has been ever since. In the time he has been there. Brensel has risen to the top and is now NCO in

Sgt. Brensel married Miss Lillian Adams of Pullman, Wash., on October 24, 1941. At present they reside

SPECIAL SERVICE

With the passing of the traditional cigars, former Lieutenant Benjamin Kingwell, School Detachment Commander, announced his promotion to Captaincy-effective Monday of this week. Congratulations are in order and are extended to the Captain by the entire duty personnel.

THEME SONG of the hour "I had the Craziest Dream", as sung by Technician fifth grade Bruce E. Sloan

BON VOYAGE to T/4th Gr. Richard Herzog who trips again and to S/Sgt. Ben Shedoudy and T/4th Gr. Joe Garnard, who are trekking southward this week and will enjoy a four-day delay in our "Sister City", Los Angeles.

"With Bombs Bursting in Air" the entire school detachment witnessed the demonstration held several days ago. Naturally, some of the duty personnel had their fingers in the proverbial pie and waltzed about with the various fire extinguishers in an attempt to put out the blazes and avoid the red hot metal.

INCIDENTAL 1st Sgt. Harvey Hablitzel recently received wild flowers airmailed 'way back from Wisconsin. What won't they send next?

INTERESTING TO SEE

Capt. Harry Haver, of the Medical School, working so diligently on his plaster molds of the human body and turning out such perfect specimens

"Uncle" Jason Hervin since he learned of his new title

A few of the Non-Coms who have aspirations for OCS practicing some of the drill formations used at that training camp

And now the students are writing back to us stating what they LIKED and did NOT LIKE about the school -Ho Hum!

EXCELLENT ENTOMOLOGIST ELATED OVER HIS ELEVATION TO EMINENCE



CYRIL G. WEIGLE Second Lieutenant, Sanitary Corps

From the rank of Technician Fifth research laboratory. Grade to Second Lieutenant-this was the goal reached by Cyril G. Weigle last Tuesday as Captain George Ekman administered the oath which made him a Second Lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps of the

Born in Salinas, California, in the year 1909, Lt. Weigle's family left California before he was a year old and moved to Philadelphia where he spent the next ten years of his life. After the first World War his people moved to Helena, Montana, where they remained for two years. In 1921 they again returned to California and finally settled down in Burlingame.

Lieut. Weigle started his high school education at San Mateo High where he studied an academic course and was also the Editor and short story writer for the English Journal at this high school. Upon graduating in 1927 he continued on with his schooling at Stanford University where he followed the study of bacteriology. After completing this course in 1932 he went to the University of California where he took a post-graduate course in entomology and, at the same time, was an signment as a Sanitation Officer.

instructor and an assistant in the

In 1934 the depression cut short his studies and he went to work in a bacteriology laboratory for the Public Health Departments of California and San Francisco. However, Lt. Weigle again returned to the University of California in 1936 to study pathology and remained until 1937 when he went to work for the Department of Agriculture as a quarantine inspector. Everything wasn't work for Lt. Weigle because in 1936 he also married and his wife now works as secretary for Major Godard.

As the Lieutenant needed three more years of college to obtain a degree in pathology, he again entered the University of California as a teaching assistant and at the same time continued on with his studies in pathology. Misfortune once again overtook him in July 1943; he was within three months of receiving his degree when Uncle Sam called him

On July 23, 1943, he was inducted into the Army at San Francisco and was sent to the reception center at Monterey. He was then sent to Letterman General Hospital where he has been on assignment in the laboratory and is now awaiting his as-



We hear from Lieutenant Arthur A. Borselli, former Property Office Clerk, that he is getting along splendidly at the Santa Maria Army Air Base at Santa Maria, California, where he is assuming the responsibilities as Group Transportation Officer, Group Mess Officer and Convoy Officer. Those who know Lt. Borselli feel that his success has been due mainly to his magnetic personality and ability to win and keep friends. He came to Letterman as a recruit in July, 1940, and quickly established himself in the hearts of all of us with his ever-ready smile. As a result of his excellent work in the Property Office, he was promoted to the rating of Sergeant in April of 1941. Later, he left us to accept an appointment to Officers' Candidate School at Camp Lee, Virginia, and upon being commissioned was sent out to the West Coast again to begin his work at picturesque Santa Maria.

Sgt. Phillip Passarelli and T/4th Gr. Andy Andrews returned last week from their jaunt to the Mid West. They were very faithful in keeping us posted on their doings while there-only one or two postcards bearing the banal "Having a wonderful time. Wish you were here." They seem to have taken in quite a few of the sights in Iowa and to have really travled in the short time they had.

A letter from Sergeant Dwight Darland, who left us a few months ago to attend OCS at Camp Lee, Virginia, expresses his hopes of coming through the "finals" even though it is a tough grind.

Iced Bookmaking Pays 3 Gl's In Alaska

Fairbanks, Alaska (CNS) Three U.S. soldiers have won cash from "tickets" they held in a "win-ter" book made on when the ice in a nearby river would break up and start flowing to sea. They had picked 7:21 and 7:23 PM, April 28. The ice began moving at 7:22. The amount of the pool was \$90,000 and it will be divided equally. Only hitch is that no one knows where the men are now stationed.

News From Your Own Home Town

Brooklyn (CNS)—Despite Office of Price Administration rules, Andrew Owczarek, 57, and Maurice Larson, 61, decided that what lions in the Prospect Park Zoo needed was meat. They got some turkey and some lamb bones from a restaurant and fed the big cats by pushing the stuff through the cages. When a keeper found them they had their arms in up

to their shoulders.
"'Tis a wonder them lions didn't take the arms right off them," the keeper said in court.
"Nah! Nah!" interrupted Owczarek, "nothing like that would happen to me I like animals. happen to me. I like animals. They all like me too."

Chicago (CNS)-Mrs. Margaret Hartman was suing her spouse for separate maintenance. The judge offered her \$75 monthly. She said "Oh no, Judge. That's too much. Make it \$50. I'm used to that much."

Evansville, Ind. (CNS)-Horse drawn taxis have been put in service here.

Hempstead, N. Y. (CNS) -Masquerading as a man, using a male name and holding a draft card, Blanche Sadowski obtained a job as a shipping clerk. She was summoned to court under her own monicker and then it all came out. She explained in court that she preferred men's clothes because they were "so comfortable." It was not explained how she managed to get the draft card which, incidentally, bore a deferred classification.

Indianapolis, Ind. (CNS) - A drunk staggered aboard a bus and pulled a bottle of beer from his pocket. Then he pulled the cap off with his teeth and drank the brew.

Los Angeles (CNS)—A 20-yearold restaurant worker began bleating about what he'd do to the Japs if and when he got into uniform. He demonstrated with flourishes of a butcher knife. One flourish was too realistic. He was rushed to a hospital with a sliced thigh.

Rahway, N. J. (CNS)—Sales of Fletcher's Castoria, the laxative for which babies cry, have been stopped pending an investigation following reports that certain batches were causing nausea.

San Francisco (CNS) — Floyd Hamilton, former "public enemy number one," and another prisoner made a vain attempt to escape from Alcatraz after overpowering two guards. Both convicts were shot at as they tried to swim for the mainland from the island prison. Three days later Hamilton gave himself up.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

A new comer to the ever lengthening list of War Bond purchasers is our own Letterman Post Exchange. Not one to be out done by the other members on this list, our Exchange jumped into the fight with both feet and a check for a \$1000 War Bond.

Captain Cleo C. Rumsey , Post Exchange Officer, selected the largest man in his organization to convey the check from the PX Office to Miss Mary Bensen, of the Civilian Personnel Branch, who handles all cash War Bond sales for this Post, and Corp. Harry Brix was his choice. By the size of Miss Bensen's smile, one can safely assume that Corp. Brix "got there with the goods."

In the meantime, War Bond purchases through payroll deductions have increased. The new pay rates have had a great bearing on our status. The new applications for War Bonds have been coming in thick and fast and the list of ten per centers is growing larger day by day. Those of you who haven't signed up, do so now at the War Bond Office, Room 202, Administration Bldg., or call Local 2761 for immediate service.



POST EXCHANGE A BOND BUYER

Corporal Harry Brix handing a check to Miss Mary Benson for a One Thousand Dollar War Bond in the name of the Post Exchange. Nice use for the profits-if any.

Modern Cleaners Do A Good Job on Our **Tenpin Players**

The Letterman Bowling team lost a three-game series to the leagueleading Modern Cleaners in the 890 Classic at the Bagdad Alleys, With the Medics receiving more than thirty splits, and led by Sgt. Kuntz with an average of from seven to eight each game, they were very much unmatched in last night's play.

Corporal Frank Marano has finally found the groove, getting another 622 series for three games and beating his last week's total of 611 by eleven pins. Corporal Davis was second high with a total pinnage of 531. Sgt. Yohe was third high with a 503 triple.

Sgts. Kuntz and Wilcox were low for the evening-Kuntz getting a 498 and Wilcox a 480.

The results of last night's games:

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

Yohe	178	176	149	503
Marano	232	177	213	622
Davis	181	166	167	531
Wilcox	168	171	151	480
Kuntz	153	154	191	498
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MODERN CLEANERS

Faroani	223	214	163	600
Romani	157	154	181	492
Mauli	180	171	144	495
Pieretti	166	192	200	558
Pollastrini	195	168	199	562

Total 921 899 887 2707

The averages for the Medics are as follows: Kuntz, 175; Yohe, 175; Davis, 171; Wilcox, 173; Marano 185.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25 and 26:

EDGE OF DARKNESS - Errol Flynn and Ann Sheridan. Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday, May 27 and 28:

> FOREVER AND A DAY-Brian Aherne and Wendy Barrie. Also Short Subjects.

Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30:

> MY HEART BELONGS TO DADDY-Martha O'Driscoll and Richard Carlson. Also Short Subjects.

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Memorial Day To Be Observed with All Solemnity in S. F.

Memorial Day, consecrated as always to America's hero dead, will be observed with due solemnity Sunday. Throughout the city prayers will be offered, not only in memory of those who have fallen in the battle of former wars, but also for those engaged in the great struggle of World War II.

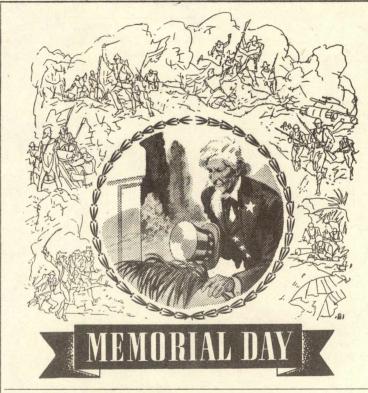
The city's observance of Memorial Day will begin Sunday morning and continue through Monday, giving those who are fighting on the home front in the Bay area war plants the chance to pay their solemn respects to the hero dead now lying in graves in Alaska, the South Pacific, Bataan, China, North Africa and on the European continent.

Scheduled for Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock is a parade of veterans of other wars. This will form at Lombard Street and Van Ness Avenue and will be led by the 53rd Infantry band and military escort. The parade will pause at Richardson Avenue to dedicate a Gold Star marker and then continue to the National Cemetery and the Presidio for the usual Memorial Day services. Present on this occasion will be San Francisco's only surviving veteran of the Civil War, 95-year-old Samuel R. Yoho.

In the afternoon, ceremonies will be held at the Golden Gate Cemetery at San Bruno under the United Veterans committee. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, vice president of the University of California. The invocation and benediction will be delivered by Chaplain Thomas L. McKenna.

On Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock a solemn military Mass of Requiem will be offered by Arch-

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Adjutant General Reports Major Edward Larner Was Killed in Action

ing heroes of the war-Major Ed- conditions under which such reports ward L. Laner, 26-died as he lived, are made do not always furnish in action with the enemy.

His death had previously been reported as caused in an accident when he and his crew of seven were landing their B-25 Billy Mitchell bomber at a South Pacific base.

But Major Larner's parents, Captain (retired) and Mrs. W. M. Larner, 3234 Lyon street, received this word yesterday from Brigadier General H. B. Lewis:

"Official information has now been received stating that Major Larner died in action in the defense of his country on April 30, 1943, in the Southwest Pacific Area. I regret that these discrepancies occurred, but

One of San Francisco's outstand- you will well understand that the complete and correct detail."

> General Lewis continued that as soon as further information on Major Larner's death is received it will be forwarded to his parents.

> Dubbed by Lieutenant General Henry H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Corps, as the pilot who "never heard the word 'quit,' " Major Larner's brave exploits had made him one of San Francisco's favorite war heroes.

> In addition to his parents, he is survived by his widow, the former Edith Arlene Smith, and two children, Gracie Sue, 2, and Edwina, 1.

> > -San Francisco Chronicle.

Pvt. R. W. Geiger Is Awarded Silver Star Medal

When General Weed pinned the Silver Star medal on the tunic of Private Raymond W. Geiger on Monday afternoon it marked the end of a five months' pursuit on the part of the medal to catch up with Pvt. Geiger. The original recommendation was made by the Commanding General of the forces operating on Guadalcanal and the official papers then started to locate Geiger between there and here. The indorsements indicated that four different headquarters lent their assistance to the chase which in the end demonstrated that the Army, like the more famous "Mounties", always gets its man.

Pvt. Geiger is recuperating at Letterman from shrapnel wounds received on Guadalcanal, and at the ceremonial presentation of the Silver Star medal the citation was read by Major Frank R. Day, Hospital Adjutant, as follows:

"Raymond W. Geiger (37155242). Private, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on January 19, 1943, at Guadalcanal. Private Geiger and two other members of his machine gun crew aided materially in maintaining a river and trail block to prevent the enemy evacuation and supply of their troops. The crew were stationed on the trail, along which the enemy attempted to break through our defenses and at one time were outnumbered more than twenty to one. In spite of the fact that friendly, but inexperienced troops retired in some confusion, and that Private Geiger and another member of his crew were severely wounded, they held their position to the end of the engagement by the use of rifles and grenades. The stand made at the

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LETTERMAN NURSES SMILINGLY PREPARE FOR OVERSEAS



The second lieutenants shown above are the chosen ones who will go places some time in the near future. They share the enthusiasm which is generally the result of prospective duty in or near combat zones in war time.

FRONT ROW, left to right:

Alice Wallenberg—Cleveland, Ohio
Margaret A. Pawloski—Jersey City, New Jersey
Kathryn Kaskey—Milford, Delaware
Goldie Cooper—Chicago, Illinois

ROW II

Ellen A. James—Philadelphia, Penn.
Sally E. Hayes—San Jose, California
Leone M. Kolson—Marquette, Michigan
Vivian R. Berggren—Elgin, Illinois

ROW III

Luverta M. Neuschwanger—Mt. Carroll, Illinois
Nellie E. Frees—Bridgeport, Ohio
Jeanne E. Morrison, Lachine, Michigan
Celia L. Ohlson—Carthage, South Dakota
Daisy R. Matthews—Los Angeles, California
Regina A. Burnett—Centerville, South Dakota
Frances F. Dustin—Shoals, Ind.

ROW IV

Mary E. Burnett—Centerville, South Dakota Agnes A. Doyle—Miles City, Montana Betty Jane Scheave—Auburn, California Frances Wagner—Norris City, Illinois

YANK-THE ARMY NEWSPAPER-HAS PRAISE FOR CORPSMEN UNDER FIRE

nights and a day, we lived with a mobile medical outfit at the front lines. And believe us, it was a potent 36 hours. That outfit is as mobile as a P-38 tailing a Jerry.

"Unarmed, this outfit's men have seen as much rear-guard action as Hitler's Storm Troopers in Russia. and have learned the identity of Jerry tanks and planes the hard way. They also learned how to play doctor while doubling as targets at the same time. One surgical truck treated 59 patients in three and a half hours-within two miles of the enemy. And there are six of these trucks in the outfit.

"The surgical trucks, called hospitals on wheels, came out of peacetime maneuvers. They were tested and proved in Tennessee, the Carolinas and Louisiana.

"The way you make a surgical truck is to take an ordinary 21/2-ton truck, raise the top 18 inches for headroom, line the interior with sheet-metal spliced with rock wool. and finish off the inside with plywood.

"In the center of this hull is the operating table. It is fastened to the bed of the truck by one-inch pipes extending from the four corners of the table. The table, thus solidly anchored, is removable and adjustable.

"In the space left, there are trays, drawers, sterilizers, hot water, anaesthesia equipment, supply chests and basins. In addition, there are plasma set-ups, bandages and room for the male nurses to work in.

"Improvised shelves outside the truck take care of two auxiliary operating tables. Power plants are set up by running an emergency line from the truck batteries. Even the windshield wiper serves as a suction pump for the tube that keeps the wounded areas clear during an operation.

"Within sight of the enemy, on the combat field, these trucks have handled hundreds of major opera-

On the Tunisian Front-"For two | tions, and it's not a pretty sight when Jerry turns the heat on. But to the patients, it's the most merciful spot this side of heaven.

> "When Jerry poured into Faid and Kasserine Pass, hundreds of patients were undergoing treatment. Lt. D. D. Dickey from Ohio, ambulance platoon officer, who first met the enemy at an advanced ambulance loading point, says: 'At 7 a. m., Jerry opened up with artillery. At 7:15, he dropped a bomb which must have been a signal because all of a sudden about 40 tanks began to draw around us in an encircling movement, coming from behind a mountain to our left. I watched our Tank Destroyer outfit smash several of them-only two miles away.'

> "At this point, Lt. Victor Kizala of Nashua, N. H., grabbed a jeep and dashed out to do a bit of reconnoitering. He returned with what seemed half of Berlin behind him.

> "The medics moved their loading point two miles to the rear and opened up shop again. They held this position for 24 hours, handling several hundred casualties and digging into ditches when they were strafed from above.

"Such proximity to the actual fighting eliminates many losses, especially losses resulting from shock. Some patients reach the surgical trucks 15 minutes after being hit, although the average time is 45 minutes.

"The men work without any ballyhoo or fanfare, but as one of them

" 'We were rewarded one night when a German soldier crawled off our operating table and said, in effect, 'Thanks, that was swell of you. We were told that Americans used meat cleavers and patched us up with sawdust.' But that pretty little speech was spoiled when one of our boys yelled out: 'Ja sehr gut aber kannst du sprechen Yiddish!' which means, roughly, 'That's all very well, but can you speak Yiddish!" "

MORE ABOUT MEMORIAL DAY

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bishop Mitty in St. Mary's Cathedral. The choir will be composed of servicemen and a military guard of honor will stand at attention at the catafalque during the Mass.

MORE ABOUT GEIGER

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point of the enemy attack was an inspiration to the new troops and aided greatly in their reorganization, and the ultimate frustration of the enemy attack. Home address: Fairmont, Nebraska."



GENERAL FRANK W. WEED Pinning the Silver Star medal to the tunic of Pvt. Raymond W. Geiger as a reward for heroism on Guadalcanal.

Message Center Run By YANK a Useful Service to G.I.'s

One of the most unique features of YANK, The Army Weekly, is its popular "Message Center," a correspondence clearing house for soldiers in all parts of the world.

Since it was established in the January 4th issue of YANK, the department has handled over 500 separate letters. The department was established as a result of the flood of soldier-mail asking YANK to put G.I.'s in touch with their pals in other parts of the world. Now, the Message Center handles every sort of request, from trading shoulder patches to advertising for long-lost brothers.

Whatever the nature of the Message Center material, YANK's mail indicates a tremendous following among servicemen, who watch every issue for mention of their names, or the names of their friends.

Strong-Armed WAVE KO's Civilian Souse

New York (CNS) — Strong-armed Apprentice Seaman Au-drey Pearl Roberts, WAVE, k.o.'d a civilian (male) souse while she was pulling guard as an SP at a Navy-gals training center here. She had orders not to permit anyone to pass the gate at which she was stationed without proper authority. Two drunks tried to negotiate the passage. She "knocked one of them flat" in her own words and then male bluejackets took over. She was the first member of the WAVES to receive a citation for "successfully defending her post and efficiently carrying out her orders with disregard for her own personal safety.

Servicegals Bop Civilian Sisters in Softball, 8-6

New York (CNS) - WAVES. SPARS, and Leatherneckers held a softball game with civilian women employees of a Naval procurement office here. The servicegals won 8 to 6. The game was to have been played in Central Park but rain forced the female club swingers into a nearby armory.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

INSURANCE

In one of the pamphlets of information concerning the life insurance policies issued by the Government is this definition of insurance: "It may be described as something that steps into your shoes when you step out—that is, financially speaking."

Insurance is a wise provision to care for family and loved ones when income is suddenly halted by the death of the head of the family. If the amount of insurance is adequate it means freedom from want for those who survive and that is one of the four freedoms for which the present war is being fought on all the battle fields of the world.

The Government has made available to every one in the armed forces a form of financial protection to the dependents of the fighting men at a cost that is negligible when compared to the benefits it brings to the beneficiaries.

Only carelessness or thoughtlessness can explain the failure of a father to make adequate provision for his loved ones in the event of his death. Both are reprehensible when the consequence is want and distress

Your Government urges you to fulfil a duty by carrying insurance and helps you by making that duty a light one from a financial standpoint.

The sympathy of associates and friends will not long maintain a destitute family.

If you have not taken out Government Life Insurance—do it today.



We extend a welcome to the following nurses who joined our staff recently:

From Camp Beale near Marysville, California, comes Second Lieutenant Martha Elizabeth Johnson. Born in Calumet, Michigan, she attended the local schools until she left for Detroit to take her nurses training at the Deaconess Hospital. After graduating in 1938 she remained at the Deaconess to do general duty for one and a half years. She then returned to her hometown of Calumet and did private duty for six months. She again left Calumet to further her chosen career; she went to the Dearborn Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan where she remained until last August when she came to the "City by the Golden Gate." She joined the staff of the San Francisco Medical Depot and remained there until January when she joined the Army Nurse Corps and was assigned to Camp Beale.

A new member of the Army Nurse Corps. Second Lieutenant Eleanore J. Cole took her oath on May 17. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, and lived there until her family moved to Macomb, Illinois. She graduated from Hirsch High School in 1937 and went into training at Jackson Park Hospital in Chicago. Upon completion of her professional training, she did general duty until she left to come to California. She joined the staff of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Hollywood and remained there until January of this year. Letterman is her first assignment.

A native of Oregon, Second Lieutenant Elizabeth White was born and reared in the town of Enterprise. After graduating from high school in her hometown in 1936, she left for Spokane, Washington where she went into training at St. Luke's Hospital. She did general duty for a few months, leaving to get married. She remained in her hometown, occasionally doing private duty. She joined the Army Nurse Corps last week and came to letterman.

BONDS FOR VICTORY

Fifty-two dollars worth of War Bonds and Stamps will pay for a bombardier kit.



A card announcing the arrival of James Jackson Ford III at Mitchell, S. D., on March 4, 1943. Papa—Capt. J. Jackson Ford—was formerly with our Quartermaster Section, while Mamma—2nd Lieut. Theresa Mae Trudeau—was a member of our nursing staff.

Pvt. Roscoe Van Dolah making favorable progress on Ward "G" following his recent bout with pneumonia.

Major William A. Fairfield holding court almost daily in front of the P.X. Grill door.

Miss Isabel McCullough, formerly Recreation Director here, and later filling the same role in Alaska for the American Red Cross, dropping in to say "Au Revoir" before taking off for another distant battlefield to do her bit for the cause.

The Berkeley Lions taking twentyfive patients to luncheon across the bay and the AWVS furnishing the transportation. Good deeds.

Sgt. Dougles Gabb pinch hitting on the War Bonds in the absence of Sgt. Goldstein—and we mean hitting.

More activity in the Insurance office and we look for even more of the same.

A W.D. Circular recommending exercise for officers—at least a half day each week. Good advice.

Capt. Clark Gable Causes 'Farm Problem'

London (CNS)—A "farm labor" problem has developed near an Army Air base here because the farm girls won't work. They prefer to spend their time hanging around the base hoping to catch a glimpse of Capt. Clark Gable—the American movie idol.

On one trip to a nearby village he was mobbed by feminine admirers and they tore buttons off his tunic. He took refuge in a church.

Pigeons Go AWOL

Desert Training Center, Cal. (CNS)—Thirty-nine Signal Corps carrier pigeons have gone "over the hill" from this desolate desert where temperatures range from 105 to 135. Things got too hot for them.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 30, 1943 In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Confessions before all Masses.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all words 9:00

Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Activities scheduled for the Recreation Center:

Saturday, May 29:

5:15 P.M.—Movie, "My Heart Belongs to Daddy."

7:15 P.M.—50 patients are invited
to attend the "Truth
or Consequences" radio
broadcast from Civic
Auditorium. Transportation arranged by the
Red Cross Motor Corps.

Monday, May 31:

2:00 P.M.—Entertainment, including informal songs, by Sheila Peart.

7:00 P.M.—Novelty show for patients given by Women's Luncheon Club.

Tuesday, June 1:

5:00 P.M.—Warfield Group a variety program from the stage of the Warfield Theater.

Wednesday, June 2: 1:30 P.M.—Bingo party.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1 and 2:

IMMORTAL SERGEANT—Henry Fonda and Maureen O'Hara.

Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday,

June 3 and 4:

MY FRIEND FLICKA — Roddy MacDowell and Preston Foster.

Also Short Subjects. Saturday and Sunday,

June 5 and 6:

MARGIN FOR ERROR — Milton Berle and Joan Bennett. Also Short Subjects.

SPEARMINT, PLEASE

Doughboys in England still demand chewing gum, which is specially manufactured for them there.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pyt. LEWIS G. GRACE

What Private Lewis G. Grace, Buck of the Week, can't tell about the breakfast cereal business is not very much. He has been through the "mill" literally and has mastered just about every job in that business—from box making to the actual cooking.

Born and raised in Oakland, California, Pvt. Grace entered the world July 17, 1918. He was one of eight children and learned early in life that such a large family needed full cooperation and help from all members to run smoothly. Consequently even while attending school he got in his "licks" at various odd jobs to help maintain his place in the family scheme of things.

Pvt. Grace was a student at Fremont High School and graduated in 1937. His major was mechanics and his extra curricular activities included boxing, swimming and woodworking. He confesses that he has won not a single medal in either sport but participated just for the pleasure it offered him. However, unlike so very many persons who drop all interest in sports when they leave school, Pvt. Grace is still active in both sports.

When he graduated he served an apprenticeship of two years with one of the large cereal companies in Oakland and then continued as a regular employee with the same company—advancing to a cook's status before being inducted into the Army.

His induction came the last day of August last year. After a short stay at Monterey, California, he was sent to Letterman and duty first found him busy on the wards as an attendant and now in the Message Center.

Pvt. Grace is not married though he hopes to be soon. The very interesting hobby of woodworking is also proving useful. Many articles of furniture have been built by him own home.

OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION TELLS WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK IN WAR

sweeping back the Japanese on fogbound Attu Island for a last-stand fight on the neck of land between Holtz Bay and Chicagof Bay, American Air Forces roared through the skies over Europe, Asia and the South Pacific to deliver crashing blows on Axis strongholds. The battle for Attu progressed stubbornly with two American columns forcing their way across the Island from Holtz Bay on the north and Massacre Bay on the south. According to Secretary of War Stimson, American casualties were comparatively light up to the time the two columns joined on the central ridge for the attack on the main Japanese positions in the Chicagof Bay area.

Secretary Stimson also announced that several new U.S. Army Air Force units have recently gone into combat against Germany from Great Britain. At a press conference the Secretary declared that the American air offensive against the continent is being stepped up not only in frequency attacks but also in power of individual raids. He added that large numbers of the new American fighter plane, the P-47 Thunderbolt, are now engaged in almost daily sorties. He said the Thunderbolt-a powerful high-altitude fighter - was proving highly satisfactory in combat.

The net results of the coordinated use of air power in the Tunisian campaign was summarized in a War Department announcement last week. According to the announcement, in the 6 months and 3 days of the African campaign the USAAF and the RAF destroyed 2,000 enemy planes while losing 770 of their own. In the first 11 days of May alone, the score was 300 Axis planes downed against 49 Allied planes lost—a ratio of 6 to 1.

And from May 7, the announcement said, the enemy's air strength was almost at the mercy of the Allies, with the Axis losing approximately 11 planes for every plane the Allies lost. May 7 was the day Tunis and Bizerte fell to the British First Army and the U. S. Second Army Corps. On that day, Allied planes flew 2,748 sorties, an average of almost 2 a minute for the 24

in anticipation of the day when he will have help in establishing his own home.

While American land forces were hours. (A sortie is a single flight reeping back the Japanese on fog- by one plane.)

But this record of plane against plane, impressive as it is, relates only a fragment, the War Department said, of the Air Forces' contribution to the victorious North African Campaign culminating in the Axis decable on Cape Bon. The Mediterranean Air Command, under Sir Arthur Tedder, provided in the Tunisian campaign the first large-scale demonstration of the "resistlessness" of an aerial striking force employing all its capabilities in an integrated pattern.

AIR DIVISIONS EXPLAINED

Here, in this announcement, the War Department explained the composition of the Mediterranean Air Command and made clear the division of U. S. air power into the strategic force, the tactical force, the reconnaissance wing, the coastal force, the troop carrier command, the training command, and the air service command.

The strategic air force cut the enemy's lines of supply and communications, which began in Italy and led through Sicily to Tunis and Bizerte. Composed of heavy bombers, medium bombers, and longrange fighters, it struck continuously at Axis shipping, ports, harbors, bases, and other points from which the Axis might dispatch reinforcements of men and material.

The tactical air force, operating in close cooperation with its allied ground forces, threw its weight into "support bombing," striking at enemy troops, armored forces, fortifications, airfields—targets in the area of actual fighting or in the support of a battle at sea.

To the troop carrier command went the job of operating scheduled courier planes to transport military personnel, mail, and supplies throughout the entire Allied-held northwest African coastline, the aerial protection of our convoys and the handling of anti-submarine operations. The job of the training command was to give all newly arrived combat crews training for the operations peculiar to the theater. The air service command worked to supply and maintain the theater's tactical organizations.

All of these commands, forces and services, the War Department said, provided the "team" that drove the Axis out of Africa.

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. ROBERT D. LAMB

Fighting his way back to health in Ward N-1 is Private Robert D. Lamb, our choice for this week's "On the Spotter."

Pvt. Lamb was born in Ridgway, Illinois, on March 25, 1910, and his life before entering the Army was centered around this town. He attended the local schools and graduated from Ridgway Community High, where he studied an Academic course and also played on the school basketball team.

Upon graduating from school, he went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was employed as a bellhop in the Statler Hotel; but in a short time he quit this job to accept work as a clothes-presser in the same hotelstaying there for the next three years. Bob was next employed by the Park Plaza Hotel, holding the same position which he had held at the Statler Hotel - but with better conditions. Pvt. Lamb remained with this firm for a year and then decided to give up this trade and return to his hometown to find something more interesting. Ridgway, Bob was hired by Ed Hish & Son as a truck driver and hauled grain for three years until he again changed his occupation and went to work for Manteno State Hospital as an attendant on the insulin ward, where he stayed until drafted into the Army on April 26, 1942.

Now a member of the armed forces, Pvt. Lamb was sent to Scott Field Reception Center and then to Camp Berkeley where he was given his basic training. From here he was sent to Fort Ord and assigned to the Medical Corps as a cook. Upon completion of his training, he was sent overseas as a medical cook. He remained overseas for seven months and would probably still be there but for the recurrence of a former illness.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Paul B. Otten, promoted to Staff Sergeant; Edward A. Arnaiz, Firmino B. Cavalli, Lowell G. Buettner and John W. Kozah, promoted to Sergeants; John R. Davis and Ernest R. Punaro, promoted to Technicians Fourth Grade; William F. Collins and Robert C. Martin, promoted to Technicians Firth Grade.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/4th Gr. Wallace May keeping fit with exercises morning and night. "Life is swell when you feel well"—quote May.

T/4th Gr. Edward Chilgren spending a great deal of time evenings down in the Marina district.

The bowling team at the bottom of the pile and blaming Pvt. Gordon L. Lockwood because he can't leave the "Info" office to accompany the team as the LGH rooting section.

Sgt. Verdean Herbold reduced to paper doll cutting during the graveyard shift on C. Q. Ho! Hum!

What surprising results a little promotion will have on a man. Example: former private, and now corporal, Joseph P. Sansone using pink clouds to get around on.

First Sergeant Calvin D. Williams trying a hand at pinochle—and not doing too well.

The new automobile cruising around the post with one Private Urban Louis behind the wheel. Yes—it is his car.



Dalton E. Poff
Frank B. Rawlins
Joseph P. Sansone
Cirilo R. Carolli
Frederick R. Perdue
Abe E. Schnell
Henry E. Theiler, Jr.

NEW RECREATION DIRECTOR IS A NATIVE DAUGHTER OF GOLDEN WEST



HELEN KANE JENSEN

Our wandering reporter was loafing in the vicinity of the Recreation Center when Sgt. West came by more or less in a hurry.

"What's cookin'?" said the W. R. to West.

"We got a new Recreation Director at the Center."

"What happened to the old one?" flashes the W. R.

"She wasn't old" retorts West.

"Who wasn't old?" asks the W. R. "The old director" says West.

"I thought you said she wasn't old and now you say she was old, and I'm all mixed up."

"Nothing new about that" said West, "But I am trying to tell you about the Recreation Director who came last week."

"What's her name?"

"Mrs. Yensen."

"Did you say 'Mrs. Yensen'?"

"Yeah, only you spell it with a 'J.'
Swedish or Scandinavian of some kind."

"Good, now we'll be making Danish pastry for fun."

One look at the new Director of Recreation and the reporter believed she knew a lot about everything, including cooking. She was born Helen Kane right in San Francisco and the 'Jensen' is only a recent acquisition.

Mrs. Jensen is a product of the San Francisco State Teachers College with post graduate work at the University of California and the

University of Southern California, where she majored in physical education and recreation and sociology. Upon completion of her college courses, she went in to the teaching profession and was Dean of Girls at Ferndale Union High School in Humboldt County. She was later on the teaching staff of the Presentation Academy in San Francisco and Everett Junior High in the same city. She was the Area Chairman for the Oakland Area of the Oakland Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and has been very active in girl-scouting and adult classes in citizenship.

Mrs. Jensen came to the Army when the American Red Cross first assigned her to Camp Roberts as Assistant Director of Recreation. After three months at that station she was transferred to Camp Haan in the same capacity and spent five months making things lively for the Coast Artillery men of that area. She comes to Letterman with a broad experience along her specialized field even during these early days. Her presence at the head of this important department is noticeable in the increased activity along recreational lines for our patients.

Mrs. Jensen has competent assistance in the persons of Miss Grace Edwards and Miss Vena Ewing. Letterman is fortunate in having such a trio of able and willing workers whose aim it is to increase the contentment of our command.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Cpl. Leo Schutz returned this week all aglow from his trip and visit at home. Carrying an orchid 'way back with the intention of pleasing a certain girl in Colorado, "Schultzie" met a former flame in New Mexico, offered the orchid and promptly became engaged. Congratulations for the very fast work!

The Detachment welcomes the new Adjutant, Lieut. Burnett, who reported for duty at this School from Camp Barkeley, Texas.

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Tripping this week to the Middle West is T/4th Gr. Eugene Beals, instructor in the Surgical School. Leaving about the same time was Mrs. Beals who plans to remain at home for the coming "blessed event."

Noticeable are the looks of frustration on the Detachment members' faces since their meeting places, in various offices, have been lately ordered off bounds.

CAMPUS SHOT . . . Scene: The Car-Stop Grill. Principal "character": 1st Sgt. Harvey Hablitzel holding his NEW Detachment men at rapt attention while expounding a few (?) of his inimitable theories.

SIGHTS TO SEE:

Cpl. Walter Pulling attempting to straighten up matters here while getting ready for wedding bells.

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The duty personnel clamoring for rooms since they learned they are to move out of T-48.

The Students reporting back from their many and varied trips this month haggard and dirty, but happy at having had the change of scenery.

The happy moment of the week came when the announcement was made that all duty personnel are no longer required to sign in or out at the Charge of Quarters, thus no longer tangling with the students.



Not everybody with a dollar to spare can shoot a gun straight—but everybody can shoot straight to the bank and buy War Bonds, Buy your 10% every pay day.



Our victim of Dan Cupid, Sgt. "Charlie" Mehr, has at last reached a state of tranquillity after a week of honeymooning near Mt. Shasta. Sgt. Mehr and his bride, Kathryn, were married in a little church in Redding, California, on May 16th, in the presence of a few close friends. Their marriage was rather a mystery, but not a total secret to the boys in the Commissary, who were told that the Sgt.'s furlough was purely a fishing trip. They knew from the beginning that "Charlie" wouldn't bring back fish.

Patriotic Herman Frash, Principal Clerk of the Property Section, has made his fourth donation of blood to the Red Cross Blood Procurement Center. The fifth donation of blood will be the yearly quota.

Pvt. Wally Alvarez's poem "Reply to Olive May" has been reproduced in a clay plaque and is on permanent display at Crockett High School, where Olive May, to whom the poem is dedicated, is a student. Alvarez's poem was published in the San Francisco Chronicle last April and at that time he received a "Certificate of Merit" making him a member of the "Poets of the Pacific" organization.

On the week-end we saw Lucille Glover and her husband celebrating Sgt. and Mrs. Mehr's marriage at the Koffee Kup with the new bride and groom.

Eleanor Poskus water-nymphing under the spray of a garden hose.

Herman Frash in his victory garden, pulling up radishes.

Lois Wilson sight-seeing at Carmel wearing Chinese red slacks.

Betty Cammel polishing her car and doing the job so well her husband didn't recognize it (the car).

"THEY GIVE THEIR LIVES—YOU LEND YOUR MONEY"





WINDY WEST WANTS WHATEVER WILL WAGE WAR ON WILLFUL WASTE



MERLE C. WEST Staff Sergeant, Med. Dept.

Sergeant Merle C. West, better known as "Windy West" to Detachment members, recently added the first loop to his Sergeant stripes, elevating him to the ranks of the "First three graders" among Non-Commissioned Officers at Letterman Hospital. The "teller of tall tales", Education and Recreation Steward at Letterman, has had the education and experience in the two fields of education and recreation to warrant his new production.

"Windy" is a one man Junior Chamber of Commerce for the State of Washington and the city of Lake Chelan in particular, which he refers to as the "Little Switzerland of America" and wouldn't stop there if uninterrupted, and where he has lived for the last 21 years. His way of telling about the size of the city would not be 1403 people but, "it had 1396 people in it until the West family of seven moved in when I was 4 years old." He was born in Winthrow, Oregon, on November 17, 1917.

West completed his elementary schooling at Lake Chelan public schools and then went on to attend Washington State College for two years at Pullman, Washington. He completed his schooling when he graduated from Cheney Normal College at Cheney, Washington, majoring in History and Physical Education.

"Windy's" family owns a ranch in Chelan and after he started school predictable, and admits it.

he decided to ride a rodeo circuit to help pay his way through school. Though he added that confidentially it was more fun than work. This work he continued for three years during which time he visited all the large cities of the West and many in the East including a two-week run at Madison Square Garden in New York. In time he purchased a string of 38 bucking and 8 riding horses to acquire quite a sizable interest in the Rodeo.

Sgt. West's activities also included semi-pro baseball and almost all types of sports such as basketball and football and this interest in athletics has been put to a very good use since his enlistment into the Army in March of 1941. If ever the idea of a baseball team was conceived or boxers entered in a tournament, or a basketball team organized, Windy was always the most enthusiastic member and inevitably would end up as a manager-player or straight manager. And manage he can. Three times Letterman has taken bay area and city honors in the softball leagues with Sgt. West managing the team, and the Letterman basketball teams have been the scourge of all leagues in which they have entered.

West's aim in life is promoting, and after the war he is thinking very strongly of returning to the rodeo circuits with an outfit of his own. But the amiable 'mick', as he very often refers to himself, is unpredictable, and admits it.

717TH

The nemesis of our boys in sports again proved the truth of that old saying "You can't beat the law", when the 779 M.P.'s took our boys to the tune of 13 to 5 in a softball game. It was a good game and we bowed to a worthy foe.

Pvt. Kenner Coleman, just back from a furlough in Savannah, Georgia, reports that the "Peach" State still has the best fried chicken in the nation.

The Company mascot, "Boots", the puppy with 33 different expressions, has completely stolen the show from S/Sgt. Willie Reid and Sgt. George Hill. Both have taken up fishing as a consolation.

The Company enjoyed seeing an old friend when Sgt. Lincoln Jones paid a visit to the 717th to look up some of his old friends. He is now stationed in Louisiana.

Lieut. Morris Henderson, Company Commander, is looking forward to landing the first striped bass in the Company—when, and if, they strike.

A sight worth seeing is the "Four Musketeers", Harden Frazier, Perry Dugger, Earl McMutry, and George Hall, in close order drill. They are good soldiers.

ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL who have less than \$10,000 Government Life Insurance at the present time now have the right to apply without statement of health or physical examination for the maximum amount of insurance. ASK FOR IT! We are at war. You need this insurance and your family CERTAINLY needs the protection it affords. This insurance costs less than any other kind of insurance you can get. It protects you and your family against your death from any cause INCLUDING the risks of war. It provides for a monthly income for the beneficiary you name. Your wife or child, mother or father, brother or sister, or foster parent may be named as principal or second choice beneficiary.

See the Insurance Officer TO-DAY! Captain Ekman, Room 319.

Summer Evening HS Courses Offered Our Personnel

The 1943 Summer Session of the Galileo Evening High School (Francisco Street between Van Ness Avenue and Polk Street) opens its doors to all service men and women as well as the general public on June 1st. Classes begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of each week. The course will be completed August 31st.

Twelve separate subjects are offered those interested in study and they are: Aeronautics, Americanization, Business English and Spelling, Business Arithmetic, Calculating Machines, Citizenship, Dictation, Gregg Shorthand, Japanese, Photography, Spanish and Typing.

Through these classes at the Galileo Adult Education Center, the San Francisco Public Schools offer an opportunity to continue schooling or prepare for definite positions without expense. The text books used in the courses are loaned.

Apply at th Evening School office. Room 262, for the courses listed above and make arrangements to attend classes any of the school evenings.



To Sergeant and Mrs. Muertos Edison Coudle, a son, James Robert Coudle, born May 20, weight seven pounds, three ounces.

To Technical Sergeant and Mrs. John Devans Rapach, a son, John Louis Rapach, born May 20, weight five pounds, six ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Hugh Clarence Stoup, a daughter, Patricia Diane Stoup, born May 21, weight seven pounds, seven ounces.

To Master Sergeant and Mrs. Richard Funk, a daughter, born May 23, weight three pounds, eleven ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. David Carlson, a son, Ernest Russell Carlson, born May 24, weight five pounds, one ounce.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

One of the heaviest buying Departments in the hospital for War Bonds is the Post Laundry. At present \$1147.50 is being deducted from the pay roll each month.

Following is a list of those in the laundry who are giving 10 per cent for War Bonds through the payroll deduction

Anna Ahrens **Edith Barnes** Lolita Bechthold Freda Billingsley Katherine Chirigotes Marie Jones Florence Clemans Emma Cline Florence Costello Paula Bartels Lurline Dalby Dora Elderkin Lena Fici

Lucille Munoz Norma Gallub Ethel Holm Gertrude Imbleau Nathan Little **Edith Mortimer** James Mortimer Anna Mulkey **Edith Myers** Bessie Murphy Gladys O'Sullivan

Mary Pagone Rose Prather Frances M. Parry Charlotte Saxon **Esther Stabler** A. Pagani Felicie Trulsen Beatrice Wagner Margaret Wernli Lillian Wilson Hazel Yeoman

The Laundry also is proud to announce the following names as New Subscribers to the War Bond Campaign.

Ana Ahrens Rosie Abrate **Edith Barnes** Lolita Bechthold Freda Billingsley Florence Clemans Emma Cline

Florence Costello Lurline Dalby Gertrude Imbleau Dora Elderkin Marie Jones Gustine King

Flora McGinn Gladys O'Sullivan Mary Pagone Esther Stabler Lillian Wilson Lucille Munoz



Staff of Civilian Personnel Office pictured with the Treasury Banner awarded for one hundred per cent participation in the War Bond campaign. All of the above are investing at least ten per cent of their salaries in War Bonds. Front row, L to R-Mrs. Harriett Hagler, Miss Esther Grobler, Miss Mary Benson, Mrs. Eleanor Wolitarsky. Back row-Mrs. Robert Harrington, Mrs. Bernice LaBelle, Mr. Ray Shine, and Mrs. Helen Giviner.

Our Keglers Present Poor Picture for Atlas Framers

Maintaining a perfect record of three losses out of three games played, the Letterman Bowlers brought their record up to six straight losses to insure themselves the undisputed spot in the cellar of the 890 House League at the Bagdad Alleys Tuesday night when they played the Atlas Frame Company.

The main disappointment of the evening was Sgt. Henry Kuntz' bowling which was high for the night to spoil an otherwise perfect set of low scores. Sgt. Charlie Wilcox was low man for the evening and was followed by Sergeants Walter Yohe and John Davis who were consistent—with 400 series.

A remark was overhead last night to the effect that the Medics reminded one of the "Phillies", fighting to stay in the cellar position. The LGH team is going to reorganize and with S/Sgt. West as manager should elevate themselves from bottom position, we hope!

The results of last Tuesday evening's play:

Atlas Frame Company

Futernick	188	200	199— 587
Maffei	202	200	181- 583
McPhun	186	157	208- 552
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SATURDAY, May 29:

10:15 a.m. Swim for boys on the Post

8:00 p.m. Dance, to the music of the Harbor Defenses Dance Orchestra.

SUNDAY, MAY 30:

6:00 p.m. Movies: ALONG THE SILK ROUTE, in color and sound

7:20 p.m. Vespers - a time for meditation and inspiration

8:30 p. m. Lobby Musical, featuring the string ensemble of the S. F. Music Club

9:20 p.m. ALL SING, with Vera Frazier and Ed RickVolume 2

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Cupid Vying With Snipers of Nippon In New Guinea

Ever since the hostilities opened on New Guinea the men of our armed forces have had to be on the alert against the activities of the Nipponese snipers in the jungle and brush of that country. Now comes word of an older and more adroit sniper who uses darts instead of bullets-the perennial young Cupid.

Press despatches from New Guinea bring us the news of the wedding of 1st Lieut. Dan Macer, of Evansville, Ind., and 2nd Lieut. Eugenia Andrews, A.N.C., of Minneapolis,

The officer and the nurse made the journey from the mainland to "down under" on board the same ship and maybe the lights of the Southern Cross guided that romance in its initial steps but the culminating ceremony had to be performed under the dim glow of kerosene lanterns under a bamboo roof with a small group of service people in attendance

The newlywed couple were granted a seven day leave for a honeymoon and took off for Australia.

The wedding ceremony as reported indicates a change in policy which up to the present time has discouraged the marriages of men and women in service on foreign stations. It also means that attractive bachelors are now in double jeopardy but some smart young soldier will come up with an antidote.

Speaking of the new peril to our fighting men, one of the patients recently returned from the New Guinea sector remarked: "There is nothing like a bristling beard as a defense against mosquitoes and other pests in the jungle."

But then he might have been a misogynist.



HOME FROM HAWAII

A lot of rank in the Army Nurse Corps landed at Letterman last week when the above group was returned to the mainland after a lengthy tour of duty in the Hawaiian Islands. Front row-L to R: Captain Anne J. Fox and Captain Ione Featherstone; Rear row-L to R: 1st Lieut. Marie S. Galloway, 1st Lieut. Alice J. Robbe, 1st Lieut. Eleanor Asleson.

SILVER STAR MEDAL IS AWARDED TO ST. SGT. J. M. SMITH

gallantry in action was pinned on the tunic of Staff Sgt. Joseph C. Smith in the office of the commanding general on Tuesday afternoon of this week. The citation, read by Major Frank R. Day, Adjutant, accompanying the award is as follows:

"For gallantry in action on January 12, 1943, at Guadalcanal, St. Sgt. Joseph M. Smith, company mess Sergeant, volunteered for combat duty with his company in the initial service from Oklahoma City, Okla.

The medal for the Silver Star for stages of an attack on the enemy who were entrenched on a hill. In this engagement Sgt. Smith displayed exceptional leadership and courage. His acts were inspirational to his companions, for altho he was wounded by shrapnel, St. Sgt. Smith continued to participate in the attack until he was ordered to return to an aid station."

Sgt. Smith entered the military

OPA Head Dispels Famine Threat to Some in Services

It was only a week ago that the Director of the OPA remarked there was nothing amiss with his organization that could not be righted if it could only get off the front page for a short time.

Yesterday came an announcement that rates front page space and is given the prominence it deserves.

When the application blanks for Ration Book 3 were released to the general public there was much confusion and misunderstanding by the notation that persons in the armed forces, whether eating at organized messes or not, would not be issued the new ration book. Others excluded were those confined in prisons and insane asylums.

In reply to inquiries regarding reasons for excluding the members of the Army Forces from making application for Ration oook 3 at this time Paul M. O'Leary, OPA deputy administrator in charge of rationing, has issued the following statement:

There is no intention whatever to withhold Ration Book Three from members of the Armed Forces who are stationed in the United States when the next ration book is actually put into use. However, since it is anticipated that many members of these forces now in the United States will be stationed elsewhere when the book is needed to buy rationed commodities it seemed simpler to postpone issuance of the book to this group until the date of its use had been determined. It is also probable that a change in military assignment within the United States will affect eligibility for Book Three when its purpose has been finally determined.

Altho final details as to method (Continued on page six)

DISCOVERY OF BLOOD PLASMA A SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT

One of the first weapons in great quantities subscribed by the government when we entered this war, and one of the least expensive and most easily procured weapons was human blood. The request was made to the people of the United States to give—not sell—their blood that the lives of our fighting men might be saved when they had spilled their own blood upon the battlefields, and the response from the general public has been gratifying.

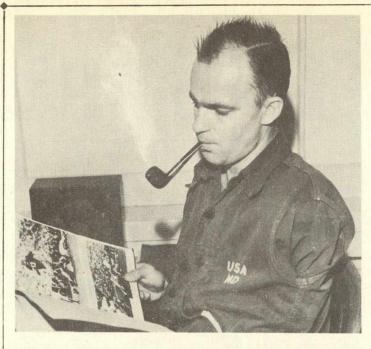
At a very early date Letterman hospital responded to the request with the formation of a volunteer blood donor service in which the duty personnel pledged blood. The volunteer list grew and in time included nearly the whole of the enlisted personnel; and in step with this growth a blood bank and mobile emergency units were made available should a crisis arise.

Inaugurated in August, 1940, as a Red Cross "Blood for Britain" project, the Blood Donor Service was converted to the Service of this country shortly after this country declared war, when the Surgeons General of the Army and Navy asked for 15,000 units of plasma for emergency transfusions. The value of the Blood Donor Service, whether for civilian or military uses, has been inestimable in lives saved.

Since this request in February, 1941, the Blood Donor Service has expanded so that it ranks today as the largest single medical undertaking in history. The number of laboratories has been increased to 11, the number of Red Cross Chapters operating Blood Donor Centers to 33.

The original request by the Army and Navy in February, 1941, was for 15,000 units. The necessary quota has been increased until in January, 1943, the figure had reached 4,000,000 additional units. This figure is over and above the 1,370,000 units already delivered in 1942 and will require more than 75,000 donations a week if the quota is to be completed in December, 1943, as requested.

The San Francisco Center was established in December, 1941, at 2180 Washington Street. The original quota was 250 units a week. When in March, 1942, this figure was raised to 1,000 units weekly, additional space was needed and the center was moved to 2415 Jones Street. Increased demands from the



Technician Fifth Grade Edward Bulchis relaxes with a sports scrap book while recuperating from machine gun bullet wounds incurred in battle at New Guinea on December 1, 1942. He was given plasma on the battlefield and again when it was found necessary to amputate his left arm.



Private Joseph F. DeMase, left, who lost a hand at Guadalcanal, January 9, 1943 when struck by an exploding enemy hand grenade and Sergeant James E. Woods who also lost a hand but by enemy mortar fire in New Guinea late in December, 1942 examine blood plasma under the microscope at Letterman. They both received plasma transfusions shortly after they were wounded and while still on the battlefields. Army and Navy led to further ex-

Saturday, June 5, 1943

On April 30, 1932, the first Mobile Unit was put into operation, a second unit began to operate in November and in March, 1943, a collaborating center was established in Oakland. This steady growth in the operation of the Blood Donor Service in this local area is reflected in the reports of filled units shipped to the Cutter Laboratory in Berkeley, as well as in the growth of the organization. In the week ending May 8, 1943, 4,116 units of whole blood were shipped to the Laboratory as compared with 230 units shipped in the first week of operation in January, 1942.

The history and development of blood plasma dates back to January 30, 1915, when Dr. Richard Weil, of New York, announced that he had preserved human blood mixed with sodium citrate for five days and then had successfully transfused it into another human being.

In March, 1918, Captain Gordon R. Ward made what was probably the earliest plea for use of human blood plasma in a letter addressed to the editor of the British Medical Journal. He wrote, "Apparently one of the chief troubles is the question whether or not the recipient's plasma will haemolyze the corpuscles of the donor. Surely this difficulty might be avoided by not transfusing the corpuscles at all, but only the citrated plasma, which would be easy to keep and easy to give."

In March, 1934, a 12-year-old boy was taken to the Bryn Mawr Hospital suffering from mastoiditis and a bloodstream infection. Plasma was administered and the lad recovered.

In 1938 at the Brvn Mawr Hospital, Dr. Strumia erected a simplified drying unit and began to dry blood plasma. Reports on effective use of plasma for treatment of war casualties began to appear in 1940, and in 1941 use of plasma for prevention and treatment of shock in the combat zone was proposed. Since then, extensive investigations, a large proportion of which has been directed by Doctors Max M. Strumia and John J. McGraw, have clearly established the practical values of plasma for maintenance of blood pressure, blood volume, and serum proteins in treatment of shock, burns and hypoproteinemia.

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More About BLOOD PLASMA

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The Army and Navy have entered into contracts with each of the processing laboratories for definite numbers of finished packages of plasma of serum albumin. The contracts are based primarily on the capacity of each laboratory to receive and process a definite number of blood donations each week. The fulfillment of these contracts is dependent on the ability of the Red Cross Blood Donor Service to supply from its various centers an adequate number of bleedings per week, and the Red Cross has assumed the responsibility of so doing.

Plasma is the liquid portion of the blood from which the red and white corpuscles have been removed. This liquid portion is obtained by placing the whole blood in a centrifuge where it is whirled at 2500 revolutions a minute. The heavier red and white corpuscles pack at the bottom of the bottle and allow the straw colored plasma to be siphoned off the top. The plasma is then pooled, frozen at a temperature far below zero, placed in vacuum tanks and dehydrated. This dried plasma is sealed in a glass cylinder and remains unchanged for years. It needs only the addition of sterile water to resume its original form and be ready for transfusion.

The laboratory prepares a package which contains a bottle of dried plasma, a twin container of sterile water and all the equipment necessary to give a transfusion. The value of these individual packages of blood plasma is demonstrate by the account of Captain J. B. Campbell, M. C., who was stationed in the South-Pacific during recent hostilities. "At one of the advance hospitals," he said, "I saw bearers bring in a survivor of a Jap sneak raid. The soldier, from San Francisco, aged twenty, was bayoneted seven times. Literally gallons of plasma were pumped into the boy. When I saw him again a week later he was able to sit up, smoke and eat comfortably."

The following quotation from an article published in the San Francisco Call Bulletin expresses the new for more support from the general public and continued support from the Armed Forces:

"The Red Cross Blood Procurement Centers throughout the country and particularly in San Fran-



Corporal James R. Farrar who received multiple wounds of the leg, suffered a fractured jaw and lost both hands in the battle of Guadalcanal on January 14, 1943 is alive to discuss a magazine article with Mrs. Frederick Linde, Red Cross Gray Lady because blood plasma was available when most needed—on the battlefield.

cisco and other troop concentration areas, report an increasing number of uniformed men among contributors.

"In fact, the tendency among the men in the armed forces is to give more and more support to the blood donor program, while the tendency of the civilian population is to slacken the pace.

"There is significance in this fact which would be emphasized. The men in the armed forces know better than anyone else just what the blood procurement program means. Some of them have actually been the beneficiaries of plasma and transfusions on the fighting fronts and owe their lives to the program. Many others have been the casualties, and have buddies among them, and know how their lives were saved and recovery made possible.

"The Red Cross Blood Procurement program should be supported by the civilian population so effectively that contributions by the armed forces would not be necessary. Of course that would not keep the uniformed men away from the procurement centers. But it would not leave the major burden of the program on them, as it is at present."

How The Unknown Soldier Achieved His Honored Grave

How the unknown soldier, World War I casualty who lies buried in Arlington Cemetery, was selected was related recently by Representative Martin J. Kennedy of New York.

Kennedy recalled that actual selection of the American hero was made by the late Sergeant Edward F. Younger. Four caskets, each containing the body of an American soldier whose identity could not be traced, were placed in a church in France.

"I was standing outside that little church," Sergeant Younger once related, according to Kennedy. "I was with five other soldiers. Our colonel walked over to us. In his hand he held a bunch of roses. He said: 'Men, it is my task to choose one of you to perform a great and sacred duty.' Then he called my name: 'Sergeant Younger,' he said, 'in this church are four caskets. In them lie the bodies of four nameless American soldiers. Go into the church . . . put a rose on one of the caskets. That is all.'

"I went into the church and back out into the sunlight."

Sports Slants From Other Camps

Fred Apostoli, the San Francisco bellhop who fought his way to the middleweight championship of the world, is doing his fighting now from behind a 40-millimeter gun in the South Pacific theater. Apostoli, who is 30, has been in the Navy two years.

Walter Judnich, former St. Louis Brown outfielder, collected five hits in eight tries as the McClelland Field (Cal.) Commanders trimmed Camp Kohler, 16-4 and 18-6 in two week-end games. The Commanders now lead the Central California Servicemen's League by a full game.

Lou Zamperini, who used to chase Don Lash home in the two-mile, is still chasing Japs around in the Pacific. A bombardier in the recent Wake Island raid, Lou saved the lives of two of his crew members after a tiff with three Zeros. The two men were badly wounded but Zamperini's first aid pulled them through.

Hey, you guys at Alliance Air Base, don't mess with that mild mannered GI on KP. He's Pvt. Pimmy Forest, a spanking young middleweight who once fought Chalky White to a draw.

Speaking of fighters, Al Singer, ex-lightweight champion is a private at Camp Murphy, Fla. where he's teaching soldiers the manly art of the nose bash.

And Freddie Archer, the former Newark, N.J. welterweight who twice defeated Ex-champ Beau Jack, is at Sea-Bee base in Rhode Island.

Joe Falcaro, king of the bowlers, took the midnight sleeper to Ft. Ontario, N. Y. to put on a bowling exhibition with his pal and former partner, Pvt. Al Cirillo who has just been selected for officer candidate school.

Babe Young, former Giant first baseman, is holding down the initial sack for the Coast Guard Academy nine at New London. Others on the team are Mel Heiman, who used to pitch for the Dodgers' farm at Reading, Pa., Henry Majeski, the International League batting champion at New ark last year; and Norm Jaeger, former star with the Jersey City Giants.

walked by the caskets. I passed the first one . . . the second . . . then something made me stop. And a voice seemed to say, "This is a pal of yours." I don't know how long I stood there. But finally, I put the rose on the second casket and went back out into the sunlight."

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

INSIGNIA

The purpose of wearing insignia in the military service is to permit ready identification of individuals in uniform. Its use is prescribed in regulations both as to matter and form and the same use by unauthorized persons is prohibited by law.

Since the beginning of the present war with the corresponding increase in the men of the armed forces there has been a wider interest on the part of the public in what the well dressed soldier is wearing. The regimental crests have bloomed like flowers in spring and organizational shoulder patches seem to be without limit in variety and design.

Nothing more natural than giving a shoulder patch to the girl friend to wear or perhaps a set of silver bars for personal adornment. The next step is for the girl friend to get herself an outfit closely approaching the regulation uniform then add the patch and—voila!

But it is all forbidden under the law. Up to the present time our ubiquitous M.P.s have not invited wearers to remove the tabu insignia or shoulder patch though they could under the law. There has been so much public comment on the subject of late that one might suspect a crack down in the offing.

Might be a good time now to get rid of the shoulder patches on civilian garb.



Letterman General Hospital extends a cordial welcome to Second Lieutenants Bern Crause and Gwen Pemberton, who joined our staff recently.

Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Los Angeles saw the last civilian duty for these two nurses, whose lives have been as closely related as two sisters—and who could easily be sisters—both fair of hair and complexion.

Lieut. Pemberton was born in London, Ontario and then moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, with her parents. Here Lieut, Crause came to live with the Pembertons and early in life these two girls decided on a career of nursing. They both attended Vancouver grammar and High School and then St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing from which they both graduated in 1930. Miss Crause confesses a love for travel and no doubt it was her influence which led them both to start reading travel circulars, for soon after graduating, they both came to California, selecting Los Angeles as their destination. Hollywood Hospital initiated them into the nursing profession where they did general duty. From there to Cedars of Lebanon where they did private and general duty, until their patriotic sense got the better of them and they decided to join the Army Nurse Corps.

Miss Pemberton likes swimming and horseback riding in her spare time and let us hope that Miss Crause's love for traveling will be taken care of under the able direction of Uncle Sam.

Congratulations to 2nd Lieut. Ruth Wagner who was promoted to Chief Nurse. Miss Wagner is beginning to look like a brownie with that remarkable suntan she has acquired—and all in San Francisco, too.

A recent visitor to Letterman was 1st Lieut. Nila P. Rutherman from Camp Stoneman and she surely looks as if the place is agreeing with her.

Miss Mellor has been promoted to Chief Pansy Picker these days. And we wonder why Miss Bukky is looking especially radiant these days (?).



Mr. Spencer Tracy making informal visits to a few of the wards and leaving with a promise to come back again in the near future.

Lieut. Marjorie Lawson, neatly tailored in a suntan uniform, tossing "au revoirs" to her old associates as she left for the new post at the Oakland Station Hospital.

Lieut. Joseph Schneider hanging up a new record for the sale of life insurance to the men of the detachment. He hopes to make his mark at one hundred percent.

The walls in the main corridor of the Administration Building getting plastered night after night this week.

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Lieut. Frances Wagner blushingly denying her elevation to the double black band rank and handing the honor along to Mrs. Ruth Wagner. But then all the Wagners could be Chief Nurses.

Miss Sheila Peart and her dad helping the informal singing group at the Recreation Center one afternoon. Her time is worth oodles in money but it is all at the disposal of our patients.

Mr. Sgt. Ernest E. Allen looking around for some way of keeping the NCO in charge of the Baggage Room on the job long after closing hours; or maybe before opening hours.

A phantom convoy vanish overnight.

The Robert Haupts a family of 3 now. It's a girl, 6 pounds 14 ounces.

OUR EXCHANGES

The first copy of "The Hammond Rx—BIAN FORU" in its new form has been received and we wish to extend congratulations on the great improvement produced by employment of the offset process of reproduction.

From the beginning "Rx" was a snappy little organ and did better than average for a mimeo sheet from a mechanical standpoint.

In its new form "Rx" deserves to be read from cover to cover.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Sunday, June 6, 1943
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Confessions before all Masses.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.
In the Post Theater:

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

OBITUARY

JOHN E. GRANT

Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

1st Lieut. John E. Grant, 57, MA-Res., died on May 27th at the home of his sister at Ben Lomond, Calif., after a lingering illness.

Lieut, Grant was placed on the retired list of the Regular Army in grade of Master Sergeant after thirty years of service on November 30, 1940. All of his service was with the Medical Department and eighteen years were served at Letterman General Hospital. He was recalled to active duty under his reserve commission in June 1941 but again reverted to the retired list after a brief period of service.

Lieut. Grant is survived by his sister, Mrs. Sophie Grant Enos, of Ben Lomond, Calif.

Y. M. C. A.



Saturday, June 4:

10:15 a.m. SWIM for boys on the Post

8:00 p.m. DANCE to the music of the 4TH ARMY DANCE BAND

Sunday, June 5:

6:15 p. m. Movie: HAWAII, U.S.A. beautiful film in color and sound

7:20 p. m. Vespers; Chaplain Raymond C. Shaw, guest speaker

8:30 p.m. Lobby Musical, featuring members of the Berkeley Piano Club, with solo numbers by Helen Saylor Sizer

9:20 p.m. ALL SING, with Vera and Ed.



Pvt. JOHN J. SMITH

This week the Buck of the Week column takes on a little local Receiving Office color and presents none other than San Francisco's own Private John J. Smith.

Born here in San Francisco. "Smitty" has lived here through all his civilian life and five months of military life. He attended George Washington High school where he majored in Mathematics and played a little soccer and baseball. "Smitty" graduated from high school in 1939 and immediately settled down to the old grind-first as a bookkeeper with the Pacific National Fire In surance Company where he worked for three years. Next came a boat company as a sheet metal worker and shipfitter. And then on January 3, 1943 came his "Greetings." After three days at Monterey he was sent to Letterman.

"Smitty" is a great fisherman. He has lured many piscatorial beauties from the dark depths and has photographs to prove it-of course a little trick photography can do wonders to the size of a fish, if you know what I mean.

He is also greatly amused by quiz articles found in magazines. He has tormented himself mentally on several occasions for the simple reason that he was just too honest or stubborn to look at the answers.

Of course "Smitty" has a first interest and she is very pretty. If you should hear and see a 1902 Maxwell bearing down on you like an M-4 Tank, with a smart looking Medic behind the wheel and a pretty girl by his side-that's "Smitty" and friend.

He also collects odd objects of which the above mentioned 1902 Maxwell is one. He still firmly believes that there is a motor under the hood. When he applied for an "A" gas ration book, the board member took one look at the car and issued a permit to carry a gas pump.

BUCK OF THE WEEK THE WEEK IN THE WAR AS TOLD BY THE OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

Last week was a relatively quiet | one in the war. The battle for Attu Island entered its final phase, Allied planes kept up a steady rain of bombs on Axis Mediterranean ports and European production centers. Storms raging over most of the Southwest Pacific hampered air activity in the Solomons and in New Guinea

When the week opened, the trapped Japanese garrison on Attu had been split up into three groupsisolated pockets harassed continually by low-flying American fighter planes. Attu Village had been virtually wiped off the map by U. S. bombing and straffing planes. Then, on Wednesday, the Navy announced that one of the three Jap pockets had been wiped out and that Army ground troops were attacking an-

Attack by Combined Forces

Enemy forces trapped in the area around Chicagof Pass were cleaned up by combined Northern and Southern American ground forces. The assault was made along the ridge of Chicagof valley, and was supported by Army bomber and fighter planes. The same forces then attacked the second isolated Jap group, the garrison holding out farther north in the area around Chicagof Harbor, and after hard fighting in a coordinated attack along the ridge south of the corridor, U. S. Army troops succeeded in gaining a foothold on the high ground south of the harbor.

A U. S. Naval ship bombarded

Japanese shore installations in the area and started numerous fires, as the ground troops continued their drive. All buildings in the area were destroyed.

The Japanese have fought back, but their retaliatory bombing raids have had little effect on the American advances. Secretary of War Stimson, holding a press conference in Washington, said these attacks were carried out with bombers which appeared from then departed for the west, and suggested that the planes were operating from bases in the Kurile island group.

Casualties Comparatively Light

Incomplete reports of American casualties in the struggle for Attu show 127 killed, 399 wounded and 118 missing. Secretary Stimson, in giving out these figures, said Japanese losses were believed to be

Bad weather, which aided the Americans in their initial landing, subsequently hampered their progress in the campaign, interfering with Naval artillery and aerial bombardment. The Army has been advancing steadily under conditions of sleet and snow, but freezing temperatures and heavy fog have prevented the full use of supporting air power. Most of the fighting has been between infantry units using bayonets and hand grenades.

Secretary Stimson predicted that if air operations can be continued in good weather, the clean-up of the Japanese will be expedited.

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Pvt. LESTER BUMP

Receiving the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart from the hands of Brig. Gen. Frank W. Weed for meritorious service and wounds received in action at Guadalcanal. 1st Lieut. William R. Moody, Asst. Adjutant (left) assisted in the ceremony.

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. EDWARD LEWIS

Born in the "City of Brotherly Love", Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1923 and now a patient on Ward C-2, Private Edward Lewis takes the spotlight for this week.

Pvt. Lewis was just a vear old when his family decided to move to Camden, New Jersey where they settled down and are living at the present time. He attended Burrough Junior High School, taking a course in mechanics and also participating in school athletics.

Pvt. Lewis was outstanding in boxing as he won the 147 pound championship of his school in 1937. Upon graduating from high school he went to work as an automobile mechanic for Beckers Auto Works and remained with this firm for two years. Pvt. Lewis then sought employment by going to work for the New York Ship Building Corporation as a machinist and also as an expeditor. During this time boxing was not forgotten by Pvt. Lewis and his efforts in this sport were rewarded in 1939 when he won the 147 pound Championship in the Golden Gloves Tournament which was held in Philadelphia. However, as he has learned that you can never underestimate the power of a woman, he was forced to give up the manly art of self defense in 1939 when he put in a bid for his wife's hand in marriage and was accepted only on the condition that there would be no more fisticuffs.

Pvt. Lewis left the shipbuilding industry in January, 1943 when he was called to arms by Uncle Sam and was inducted into the Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey. From Fort Dix he was sent to Camp Roberts, California for his basic training and is now a full fledged gun mechanic.

When the world struggle is over Pvt. Lewis has his mind set on taking a course in Diesel Engineering and to settle down with his family in Camden, New Jersey.

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Dey E. Heazlit, promoted to Technician Third Grade; Sidney Royse and Russell V. Woods. promoted to Sergeants; Dan Sackash, promoted to Technician Fourth Grade; Dallas R. Little, Theodore S. Bertozzi, Paul E. Clark, John A. Deroberts, Lewis G. Grace, Percy L. Landingham, Carl G. Martens, Clemente Rauch, Jesse F. Millsap, Francisco G. Relampagos, Floyd H. Tilton, Louis R. Campos, Mariano T. Conte, Lam S. Dong, Kenneth W. Howland, Joel Ketner, Milton A. McCrady, Albert Nunes, Robert T. Reel, Clifford L. Runge, Glenn J. Williams, Jonathan L. Carter, George W. Cossey, Joe P. Franceshi, Lennis C. Keaton, Henry C. Quan, Samuel G. Reel, Maurice E. Smith, Donald A. Clark, Edward A. Groce, Dale Gates, Clemmens W. Johnson, James W. Lonigro, Howard E. Narron, Clarence L. Rapp, Brekie Rodarte, and Donald G. Swan.

A welcome is extended to Cpl. Horace J. Torpey who joined the detachment during the week.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

M/Sgt. Frank O'Brien pulling a little red wagon around the post. We wonder if it is to be used in the baggage room.

T/4th Gr. James McDavid in action on Friday nights showing the boys the latest dancing steps at the YMCA.

T/5th Gr. Patric J. Sullivan taking over at the Post Theater every other night. Nothing like a little extra duty, Pat.

Sgt. William H. 'Mac.' McDonald rushing off the post on his nights off to keep an appointment at the Lombard Gate.

T/5th Gr. John Mattison escorting a bevy of the Administration Building Beauties to the PX for coffee . . . and very often. . .

T/5th Grades Charles W. Perkins and Worthington Gardner keeping the post office staff well represented on the volleyball court.

WARNING!! TO STAY SINGLE STAY OFF OUR STAFF-OR VICE VERSA



ANNE M. LEAHY Queen of the copy desk who has abdicated her throne to rule over a kitchen if her new husband can find an apartment with a kitchen.

When Miss Anne Leahy, the young Irish lass who graces the Chaplain's Office with a charming secretarial air, walked into the Inner Sanctum and announced that she was intending to be married, the Boss leaned back in his chair and after the bomb fragments had settled down to dust started thinking very deeply and

Last fall Staff Sergeant Rosco J. Willey, his right hand man, and Miss Lois E. Williams, his former secretary, had announced their intentions and zipped off to Reno to be married, and now that it was Spring here was his present Girl Friday beating a path through his door with the very same announcement. The Boss debated. Should he add another sign board to the door? Matrimonial Bureau? Of course, most young couples visited him after they had made up their minds and wished him to join them together in Holy Matrimony, but this business of his secretaries coming in as single entries and leaving as double entries was just too much for his book.

However, Miss Leahy explained that she didn't intend to drop any more bombs in the vicinity of the Trodden, Technician Fifth Grade, attached to the Anti-Aircraft Service, and her interests would naturally preclude bomb dropping, verbal or block buster.

The happy bride-to-be put the cover on her typewriter last Saturday and journeyed south on the Owl to Riverside where she was married June 1 in the Catholic Church of that city. Corporal and Mrs. Trodden enjoyed a three-day honeymoon at the Riverside Inn. Mrs. Trodden will remain in Southern California with her husband until the U.S. Army formulates their plans for them.

Anne is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Vincent Leahy, 2000 Vallejo Street, and is a native daughter of San Francisco. She graduated from the High School conducted by the Mesdames of the Sacred Heart at Menlo Park, Cali-

The boss man of this paper has not as yet established any additional qualifications for the successor of Queen Anne but having lost two good secretaries to matrimony within a year he will give preference to a man hater-we think.

More About OPA STORY

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office, as her fiance was John Otis of distribution of Book Three among members of the Armed Forces have not yet been worked out, Army, Navy, and other military personnel can be assured a simple method which will involve no complicated June 10.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

With the War Department Order authorizing enlisted men to wear a good conduct ribbon after completing one year in the service, many of the Detachment men are sporting the little red and white bar-just one more addition to the yellow "Before Pearl Harbor" ribbon many are wearing.

The Ping Pong rivalry between S/Sgt. Harris Hitt and William Vandewater came to a climax the other day when Sgt. Hitt won three consecutive games with a wide margin to spare. To the victor belongs the spoils!!! And we probably have not heard the last from Sgt. Vandewater

Returned from DS this week came S/Sgt. Ben Shedoudy and T/4th Grades Joe Garnand and Richard Herzog. Many and varied were the stories they had to relate on their doings at home and deep in the heart of Texas.

SEEN OVER THE WEEKEND ... Two of the student barracks restricted and the men enjoying (?) peace and quiet from the outside world.

We can't help but wonder why S/Sgt. Jason Hervin is so secretive about the new girl he has become acquainted with . . . is he afraid of competition ? ? ?

. . Congratulations are in order for the following named men who were given promotions this week:

Privates First Class Melvin Oberdick, Paul Baron of the Medical School and Privates First Class William Caskey, Rex La Frenier and Hugh Markell of the Surgical School who were all promoted to the rank of Technicians Fifth Grade.

Technician Fifth Grade Bruce E. Sloan of the School Art Department who received a Technician Fourth Grade rating.

procedure will be worked out.

The announcement stressed that civilian members of families should complete applications for Ration Book Three and mail them to designated centers between June 1 and

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8 and 9:

REAP THE WILD WIND—Paulette Goddard—John Wayne. Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday,

June 10 and 11:

SERGEANT YORK—Gary Cooper

—Joan Leslie. Also Short Subjects.

Saturday and Sunday,

June 12 and 13:

BAMBI—Walt Disney Technicolor. Also Short Subjects.

Yank To Have Its First Birthday Issue This Month

YANK, the Army's official weekly, by and for enlisted men will celebrate its first birthday with a special anniversary issue dated June 25, 1943.

Opening with a cover cartoon of the favorite Doughboy character, "Sad Sack", the anniversary issue of YANK, the Army Weekly will contain a Report to the Enlisted Man on a year's progress of the Army, extra cartoon pages, a large cartoon map of the United States by Sgt. Ralph Stein, and a message from the Army's Commander-in-Chief—President Roosevelt.

Activities scheduled for the Recreation Center:

SATURDAY, June 5: 2:00 MUSIC

Miss Ewing at the Piano.

SUNDAY, June 6: 2:00 SPECIAL PROGRAM

> Service Men, guests who come through the courtesy of the Charles Cooper Studios, 450 Grant Avenue.

MONDAY, June 7:

7:00 PARTY

Big party with pretty girls, eats, and entertainment.

TUESDAY, June 8:

2:00 QUIZ

Quiz program for one and all. WEDNESDAY, June 9:

2:00 SPECIAL PROGRAM

Professional talent visiting us. Surprise program.

THURSDAY, June 10:

2:00 GAMES

A tournament for the afternoon. Bridge, checkers, dominoes, pinochle and ping pong.

FRIDAY, June 11:

2:00 RECORDS

Listen to boogie-woogie or Stokowski.

A FIXER WHO IS A FIXTURE AND A FIGHTING MAN TO BOOT



MR. GOLSON C. YOUNG Chief of Medical Supply Utility Shops

He's been here so long he's a fixture as well as a fixer. He's the "Mr. Fixit" of this hospital and nothing has stumped him yet when it comes to woodwork or painting. He looks tough and talks tough and would scare a zombie only we know him and he doesn't fool us a bit. Under that hard shell he's a softie and, given half the chance, will do more for you than your brother. That's Mr. Golson C. Young the Foreman of our Medical Supply Utilities shop, otherwise known as "Young's Shop."

Golson is a native San Franciscan born here on Sept. 22, 1884. He attended Lincoln school until the age of 14 and then joined the Navy as an Apprentice Boy. His Basic training was taken aboard the U.S.S. Independence, an old square-rigger nicknamed "Old Guardo" because it never left the dock. After a year he was assigned to the steam cruiser U. S. S. Newark and traveled the high seas from Alaska on down. Services included action in the first Phillipine patrol engagements as well as in China where he took part in the Boxer Rebellion in 1900. From the Newark he was transferred to the gunboat U.S.S. Bennington and once again sailed the Pacific waters from 1903 to 1905. On July 5, 1905 the Bennington was in San Diego when the boilers blew up killing 66 men out of a crew of 109. That cured Golson of riding in boats with boilers and when reenlistment time came, Golson said, no thanks! Mr. Young found a job as a deep sea diver here burrowing souls.

in the Bay area. The "Fire" of "06" cancelled all diving jobs so he went to work for the Western Electric Co. as assistant foreman. He worked there for 11 years and was then called by the Civil Service to act as an inspector of ordinance.

When World War I terminated, he went into business for himself as building and painting contractor and worked until November 2, 1927 when he had to turn into this hospital as a patient. While convalescing, he went to work on the E-1 dressing room just to have something to do and did a fine job. Colonel Wallace DeWitt, then commanding officer, took one look at his work and wouldn't release him from the hospital until he promised to come to work here. He's been here ever since and we hope he stays on and

No word picture could ever do Golson justice. You really have to know him to appreciate his impish sense of humor. He's down to earth in every way and, under that thatch of silver hair, he has more plain old common sense than one would ever think possible. Right now, he spends all his spare time in his Victory garden.

Latest reports from the Young's garden tell of a disastrous invasion by gophers. Right now it's a toss up as to who will harvest the first artichokes—Golson or the Gophers. The gophers are one artichoke ahead and the only thing Golson has been able to do is heap invectives on their burrowing souls.

717TH

Men of the command were entertained during the week when the Buchanan USO issued invitations to attend the Spring formal dance held at the club. Dancers who won applause were 1st/Sgt. George Austin and Privates Rufus Felder, Curtis Howard, George Redix, Theodore Bartlett and Julius Clay.

Pvt. Curtis Howard is proving to be an excellent photographer and his training as an amateur cameraman is paying off in Uncle's service.

Pvt. Julius Clay enjoyed a short trip to Los Angeles to visit his family. He admits, however, that San Francisco is fast becoming the only city so far as he personally is concerned.

The company welcomes the following men: Privates Charles Walker, Ullysses Wright, Henry Shepherd, T. D. Lee, Luther Penney, Howard Rainey and Joe Bailey. We feel sure that they will help make this a better organization.

Pvt. Minor Jones, who is on the sick list, has the wishes of buddies for a speedy recovery. His wit and good jokes are missed.

Pvts. Montell Wilson and True V. Lancaster are expected to return to the company soon. Both are convalescing at Letterman Hospital after recent illness.

Our dog "Boots", company mascot, has been promoted to the grade of corporal. Oh well! It's a dog's life.

This week's bouquet goes to Cpl. Charles Brooks who is a letter carrier for the hospital wards at Letterman proper. He is one soldier who is doing a good job and making many friends while about it. His ready smile and pleasing personality will carry him far.



Gustav Bincen
James S. Carender
Stewart G. Patience

More About THE WEEK OF WAR

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Mediterranean Bombing Attacks

The heavy pounding of Allied bombings was inflicted over and over last week on Italy's most important ports. Harbor installations, supply centers, rail and road facilities, airfields, warehouses, ships, in Sicily, Sardinia and Italy felt the destructive might of Allied planes. In one daylight attack, more than 300 planes of Maj. Gen. James Doolittle's strategic air force swarmed over Sardinia, meeting no fighter opposition and no anti-aircraft fire, wrecking ships, buildings and airfields. In another series of raids, Flying Fortresses and Liberators roared over the Sicilian Ferry Terminus of Messina in one of the most successful attacks of the North African campaign, virtually paralyzed that port, and in 24 hours brought down 23 enemy aircraft over Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria.

Raids on New Guinea

After several days of limited activity, forced upon them by bad weather, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Allied fliers, using one-ton bombs, raided the Japanese bases at Lae and Madang, and attacked a long stretch of the New Guinea coastline.

Twenty-eight tons of explosives and fire bombs were dropped on Lae, on Huon Gulf along the northeast New Guinea coast. Fires visible 75 miles were set in supply dumps and direct hits were scored on two grounded enemy planes.

The planes at tree-top height strafed Japanese installations with 12,000 rounds of machine-gun fire. Intense enemy anti-aircraft fire brought down one fighter of the force of Liberators, Mitchels and Beaufighters that made the attack.

Eight-Day Blitz Over Europe

In twin attacks on the Nazi submarine bases at Wilhelmsven and Emden, in Germany, American Flying Fortresses and Liberators brought down 74 enemy fighter planes, losing only 12 American bombers. This was a new record, and boosted to 269 the number of German fighters shot down in combat in an eight-day blitz over Europe. The loss ratio in these attacks was more than six enemy planes for every American bomber lost.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

"I got my bond when they said I would!" Such was the pleased reaction of thousands of officers, enlisted men, and WAAC's, subscriber to the Army's Class B Allotment Plan for the purchase of War Bonds by payroll deductions, when they recently received their first bonds under the new plan which became effective April 1, 1943, and which calls for the issuance of bonds within fifteen days of the date that they are paid for.

These were important words for they spelled relief to countless harried War Bond Officers who have been hindered in their efforts to promote the sale of war bonds to military personnel by the inevitable "If you can promise that I'll get my bonds in time, I'll subscribe." Such a promise could not be made under the complicated procedures of the Class A Pay Reservation Plan but it can now be made with definite assurance of fulfillment, according to Colonel Charles Lewis, F. D., Commanding Officer of the Centralized Filed Officer, F. D., Chicago, Illinois, parent headquarters of the Army War Bond Office.

"Consider the War Bond Division as a bank which has gone into the hands of receivers, with the desirable exception that every deposit made with the War Bond Division under the Class "A" Pay Reservation Plan is guaranteed in full. Not a penny will be lost for the bonds will be issued, though it may take several months, and will be dated as of the day they were due, thereby assuring no loss of interest to the subscriber as a result of the delay of issuance."



STAFF OF LETTERMAN PRINT SHOP

Awarded banner by the Treasury Department for participation in War Bond purchase campaign. Bettering "Ninety and Ten." L to R—Glen Whipple, Charles Quinliven, John Davidson, foreman; Harry Woodlee, Ross Wells, and Mrs.

Amy Harkness.

Move Over! Keglers Want More Space at The Wailing Wall

In a series match last Tuesday evening of the 890 Bagdad bowling tournament, the Letterman Medics ran true to recent form by dropping three more games, this time to the Reliance Trailways.

Although not in undisputed possession of the cellar spot, they will probably have little trouble taking over if the slump they are now enjoying is not overcome soon.

One game over the 200 mark was all that the Lettermanites could boast for the whole evening's series. That game was a 216 pin game by Sergeant John Davis in the second set. Sergeant Henry Kuntz came the closest of any of the other members of the team with a 190 game.

Corporal Frank Marano continues to lead the Medic's with a high average for games of 186. Sgt. Kuntz is in second spot with 183—the first time for many months that he has had to relinquish the first place to anyone—and is followed by Sgt. Walter Yohe, John Davis and Charles Wilcox, all in the 170's.

The Medic bowlers' average has taken a decided beating with this third set of three games lost. They have won only six games out of the twenty-four that have been played in this tournament. Their 250 average, while not the lowest in the league, is not far from it.

The Stork Was Here

To Major and Mrs. Eugene H. Wood, a son, Scott Kaider, born May 28, weight nine pounds, four ounces.

To 2nd Lieutenant and Mrs. David Tozier, a son, David Alan, born May 30, weight six pounds, eight ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Charles P. Weeks, a daughter, Wendy Jo, born May 30, weight seven pounds, three ounces.

To Technician Fifth Grade and Mrs. Paul Whitehead, a son, Ronald Lee, born May 31, weight seven pounds, ten ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Richard G. Larsen, a son, William Richard, born May 31, weight four pounds, eight ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Ross McDonald, a son, William Ross, born June 1, weight eight pounds, two ounces. Volume 2

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Attu Attackers Are Speedily Received On Arrival Here

Commendation is due the receiving officers and personnel of Letterman Hospital for the very efficient manner in which they handled more than four hundred war casualties during the early part of the week that arrived from the battlefields of the Island of Attu, Alaska. Adding to the difficulty of the reception of the patients were the large number of litter cases—of the four hundred odd admissions nearly half of them were unable to walk.

Lieutenant Colonel Alfred J. Schwarz, M. C., officer in charge of Receiving and Disposition, took charge of all patients at the point of arrival and then directed the dispatch of them to Letterman. In assembly-like precision ambulances shuttled back and forth between the place of arrival and the hospital where Major Theodore P. Shoemaker, M. C., and Captain G. Aitkens, M. C., received the patients.

Although there were actual battle casualties among the new arrivals, many of the men were victims of the Alaskan cold—suffering from severe frost bite. All of these patients were wheeled on stretchers from arriving ambulances to wards for treatment; and the utter lack of confusion evident and the speed with which each case was disposed was most gratifying. Instead of an estimated four or five hours for complete admittance, the actual disposition of the entire number of cases was accomplished in a little more than two hours.

The Commanding General has expressed himself as being highly pleased with the performance of duty of the men of the Special Service School and Sanitary Company as well as the Medical Detachment in connection with the admission of this large convoy of patients.



Major General NORMAN T. KIRK Surgeon General, United States Army

Bangtails Bring Benefits to Army Emergency Relief

Better off by the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is the Army Emergency Relief following a contribution of that sum by General Manager William P. Kyne and his associates of the California Jockey Club, operators of the Bay Meadows race course.

Bay Meadows, one of the smallest race plants in the United States, became the largest individual racetrack contributor to the Army Emergency Relief.

Before departing for Los Angeles, Kyne issued the following statement:

"The check for \$100,000 to Army Emergency Relief is in addition to \$100,000 already contributed by the California Jockey Club to Navy hospitals and bases in the San Francisco area since last fall.

"Racing has a definite part in the home front" continued Kyne, "during war time, but that part must be gearing itself to the war effort. And only by allotting a major portion of the proceeds from a race meeting to war relief, can the sport of racing realize its full responsibility. I hope to be able to raise a total of \$1,500,000 for the armed forces and war organizations from the sport of racing in California during the next fiscal year.

Commenting on the donation, one of our more faithful supporters of the "bangtails" who alleged run at the Bay Meadows track said: "Well, it is good to know that part of my money is going to a worthy cause." That lady is a poor picker, and hence the wise-crack about the running horses. However, our Number One Horse Player, the well-known "Gus the Barber" limited his remarks to: "Gee, that's swell of Bill and the gang."

TERMAN INTERNES UPHOLD BEST TRADITIONS OF ARMY

To one group of men at Letterman Hospital, the Internes, time means nothing. Twenty-four hours a dayday in and day out they are on call for any emergency or routine medical and dental cases which ariseand this for a full year prior to appointment to the Regular Army as First Lieutenants in either the Medical or Dental Corps.

Much the same as the West Point Cadets, the Army Internes are at all times under close observation by their superiors. If they flunk their courses they fail in the objective, but if they pass they have achieved what they set out to attain. And the



CLYDE SUSSMAN 1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. Clyde Sussman was born in Hartford City, Indiana where he received his high school education. He was graduated from the University of Indiana in 1942 where he received his MD degree.

objective is the same for both-a commission in the regular army of the United States. That is an honor achieved only through diligent study and hard work.

Internes are privileged to enter the regular service after successful completion of a year's work and a stiff examination without entering the Reserve Corps first. They were given the opportunity to work here because they made outstanding grades in college and medical school, and



JOSEPH PENCE 1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. Joseph Pence, a native of Kansas, received his high school education in that State, and later enrolled in the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas to receive his DDS degree.

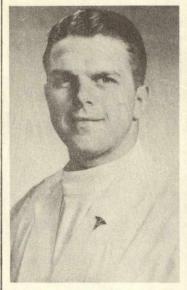


JOHN WESTPHAL 1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. John Westphal, is a graduate of the University of Indiana, having received his degree in Medicine there. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana.

because they were judged over scores of other applicants to be the best fitted for commissions in the

Selection of internes for Army hospitals is a difficult task as the number is necessarily limited to a select few. The best medical students from all over the country make application for entrance as internes to a Government hospital and from this group, the ones with the best records, ability, leadership qualities character and health are chosen to receive their first practical medical experience in an army institution. Upon graduation from medical



WILLIAM CURRENCE 1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. William Currence, a native of Virginia, received his high school education in that State, later attending the Virginia Military Institute. In 1942 Dr. Currence received his degree in medicine at the University of Maryland.

school, they apply to the surgeon general in Washington, stating their qualifications, and from a detailed study of the applicants records, the surgeon general's office appoints the selected candidates, and if possible assigns them to the hospital they choose to enter. It is then that the real work begins-work that makes previous tough college days seem like a vacation in comparison. They



BRADWAY ROGERS 1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. Bradway Rogers addresses his letters home to Columbus, Ohio, where he graduated from high school, later attending Ohio State University and Medical School.



FRANK LYNN 1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. Frank Lynn, born and reared in Chicago, Illinois, where he received his high school education. Dr. Lynn attended Columbia University, Dubuque, Iowa, and later enrolled in the Rush Medical School at Chicago, Illinois, where he received

his degree in Medicine.



STANLEY EHRLER
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. Stanley Ehrler, a native of Los Angeles, California, was a student at Los Angeles High School, and later attended the University of Southern California where he received his AB degree in 1938 and his MD degree in 1942.



WILLIAM VIRGIN
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. William Virgin, was born in Montgomery, Alabama, where he attended high school. He later attended the University of Tulane at New Orleans, Louisiana, receiving his AB and MD degrees in 1937 and 1942 respectively.

must be available for duty twentyfour hours daily and it is often that
they are required to work that
length of time, for the professional
medical man's hours are every minute of the day or night when patients
are in need of attention. Fate does
not regulate suffering and sickness
and accidents to agree with an eighthour day.

Letterman internes are not assigned to any definite service, but spend one part of their year at each of the services in the hospital. One time they are busy in medical service, and so on, rotating assignments each month.

The duties of an interne are varied and many. There is always one of them on medical emergency call, and one on surgical emergency, ready to be on the job on a second's notice; they assist the ward officers



PAUL PSAKI 1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. Paul Psaki, is a native of New York State, where he received his high school education. He attended the University of Dayton, Ohio, and later enrolled at the Georgetown Medical School, Washington, D. C., where he received his Medical degree.

in their daily rounds, and are on duty whenever anything is going on in the service to which they are attached.

They want to be accepted as officers in the regular army, and must have shown during the year that they have the necessary qualities of



EUGENE G. IRWIN
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. Eugene Guy Irwin, came to Letterman after grauating from Ohio State University in 1942. He was born in Columbus, Ohio.



CHRISTIAN GRONBECK
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. Christian Gronbeck, is a native of Burlington, Vermont where he received his high school education, and entered the University of Vermont for his specialized training. Dr. Gronbeck received his BS degree in 1938, and his MD degree in 1942.

a good officer—leadership ability, loyalty, sense of justice, confidence, courage. It takes more than a knowledge of medicine to make a good medical officer, and that is their goal.

It might seem that after all this work and study a young doctor would use his knowledge and skill to the end that he could have a luxurious home, regular office hours, the freedom to travel whenever he desired and an opportunity to retire at an early age. But that isn't what these hard working internes are striving for. When they have finished their work as internes and



FELIX SHEPLEY
1st Lt., Medical Corps-Reserve

Dr. Felix Shepley, a native of Massillou, Ohio, attended the local high school of the same name, travelled to Cincinnati to enter Xavier University where he received his AB degree. Later he attended St. Louis University for his Medical training.

have the right to private practice, the board will notify those whom they consider will make the best army officers—and each one of our internes is praying that he will be among those selected—not for the noney, because no one ever got rich in the army, but because there is a deep sense of satisfaction that comes from being an army medico. It is a feeling that is the reward for hard work at a useful humane task....a feeling that money can't buy.

THE FOG HORN

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The Flag Goes By

Hats off!

Along the street here comes A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,

A flash of colour beneath the sky:

Hats off!

The flag is passing by!

Blue and crimson and white it

Over the steel-tipped, ordered lines,

Hats off!

The colours before us fly; But more than the flag is passing by:

Sea-fights and land-fights, grim and great,

Fought to make and to save the State:

Weary marches and sinking ships;

Cheers of victory on dying lips:

Days of plenty and years of peace;

March of a strong land's swift increase;

Equal justice, right and law, Stately honour and reverend

Sign of a nation great and strong

To ward her people from foreign wrong:

Pride and glory and honour,

Live in the colours to stand or fall.

Hats off!

Along the street there comes A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums:

And loyal hearts are beating high:



Lieut. Jessie Whytoshek back from her sojourn in Denver and again putting in a full day on the ward. K-1 would like to have her back but K-2 says "Nay, Nay."

Mr. George Walker, of the Transportation Department, just about the busiest man in the command and still able to speak softly.

The detachment from the 717th exihibiting both dexterity and celerity in the handling of incoming patients on Sunday last.

St. Sgt. Paul Otten getting his voice back and dispensing with the sign language in administering the affairs of the Receiving Office.

Every Saturday morning, Bill Brooks, anxiously awaiting the publication of our paper. Adds lustre to his work later; he gives a good shine at the P.X. stand. . . .

Pvt. Jack Lund, local boy, back from Attu and holding up the honor of San Francisco against all comers.

Lieut. Charles R. Lewis, assistant provost marshal, minus his mustache and still a good cop without the hirsute adornment.

Jo Jo's monkey indicating a yen for Miss Ewing but she caring not at all for the imp.

Y.M.C.A.

Saturday, June 12:

10:15 a.m. SWIM for boys on the Post.

8:00 p.m. DANCE to the music of the 4TH ARMY BAND.

Sunday, June 13:

6:15 p.m. MOVIES - glimpses of the outdoors in color and sound.

7:20 p.m. Vespers-a time for meditation and inspiration.

8:30 p.m. Lobby Musical, featuring the String Trio, with Beth, Katy, and Evelyn. Songs by Lucille Udovich.

9:20 p.m. ALL SING, with Vera & Ed.

Hats off!

The flag is passing by!



For the first time in history of the military establishment, slacks have been authorized to be worn by army nurses. It was while the American forces were making their gallant dedefense of Bataan, as pictures in the various newspapers of the country revealed, that army nusses were shown wearing slacks. The wearing of slacks, it is pointed out, especially under the field conditions existing on Bataan, greatly facilitated the work of the nurses, and under Changes No. 15, April 24, 1943, to Army Regulations No. 600-40, slacks may be worn by nurses if deemed appropriate by their commanding officer. Authority for the wearing of slacks by Army Nurse Corps personnel is contained in new subparagraph 13c (9) of Changes No. 15, which reads as follows:

Slacks may be worn in lieu of skirt under such conditions as the immediate commanding officer of the nurses may deem appropriate.

Letterman bids farewell to 2nd Lts. Victoria C. Gerben, Betty Jane Scheave and June Sharp Vogel who will soon join the staff at Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Washington.

It is seldom that an army nurse can go right back to the place of her birth upon her first transferas will Lts. Scheave and Vogel. Letterman was their first post-Lt. Scheave joining the A.N.C. on November 5, 1942 and Lt. Vogel on December 1, 1942. And Miss Vogel has since signed another contract (long term) for she became the bride of Capt. Donald Eakin, now stationed at this General Hospital. Miss Gerben came to Letterman a year ago after spending one month at Fort Hancock, New Jersey.

Favorite musical number of 1st Lt. Crosno and 2nd Lt. Tyrrell is "The Skater's Waltz." Except that they aren't always waltzing when on skates-so it is observed.

Congratulations to 2nd Lt. Loretta M. Leyden upon her recent promotion to chief nurse. Good luck!

Stretching the imagination: Meeting Sally Hayes and NOT having her say, "What's new? Have you heard -Henry Holcomb Bennett. anything yet?" No, she is not pre-

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, June 13, 1943 In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Confessions before all Masses. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Cost of Victory

a. m.

The cost of victory in North Africa, November 8 to May 15 was 2,184 U. S. soldiers killed, 9,437 wounded, 6,-937 missing or taken prisoner, a total of 18,558 casualties. Overall Allied losses: Less than 70,000.

The cost of defeat for the Axis: In Tunisia alone, 30,000 killed, 26,-400 wounded, 266,000 taken prisoner, totaling 323,000 casualties.

(The figures, reported last week by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, do not include Axis or Allied loses in Egypt and Libya.)

British Empire (including the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, India, and colonies) casualties during the first three years of the war, as revealed by Deputy Prime Minister Cleament Attlee in the House of Commons, were 92,089 killed, 226,719 missing, 88,294 wounded, 107,819 prisoners of war, or a total of 514,-

British Empire civilian casualties in the same period: 47,291 killed, 55,-643 injured.

-San Francisco Chronicle.

The SanFrancisco Bodies No. 1, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, will confer a degree known as "The Traitor" on Friday evening, June 18, 1943, at 8:00 o'clock, at their Scottish Rite Temple, 1290 Sutter street, San Francisco, California. This degree is for Thirtieth Degree Masons and Thirty-second Degree Masons only.

paring to be a Foghorn reporter. She's just anxious to "get going."

A thing to be remembered and pigeon-holed for future reference: Miss Bukky pinch-hitting for Miss Crosno while the latter is on D. S.

We are all happy to see Miss Morgan looking more like herself again, and we wish her a most speedy recovery.



Pyt. CHESTER P. STEVENS

Tall and typically Texas, including the darwl, our Buck, Private Chester P. Stevens comes from that State though he was born in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, on October 31, 1916.

His family left Sapulpa when he was still a child and went to Mexia, Texas, where Private Stevens lived the next nine years. His family then spent the following two years traveling among the western states, and in 1931 they once again returned to Oklahoma, this time to settle in Beaver County where his father owned a large ranch. In 1934 his family decided to return to Texas and they made their home in Joinerville, Texas, which is located in the largest oil fields in the world. Here Private Stevens pursued his high school education at Gaston High, majoring in Science.

Private Stevens was outstanding in sports for he played on the football, baseball, basketball and track teams, and received thirteen letters and a gold football and basketball. While playing for Gaston they won the Regional Track Championship in 1934 and the District Football Championship in 1936.

Upon completion of high school in 1938 he spent the next two years of his life doing odd jobs in the oil fields. Then in 1940 he left Texas and came to Vallejo, California, where he went to work in a dry cleaning plant until 1941 when he quit to work at Mare Island. At Mare Island he first worked as a clerk, and at nights he went to welding school. But a few months later he passed his welding test and he then transferred from a clerk to a welder, and remained at that job until drafted on April 10, 1943.

His induction into the Army took place in San Francisco, and he was first sent to Monterey where he remained for ten days. On April 20, he arrived at Letterman and can be found on duty at the Receiving Of-

Private Stevens also admits that he has two hobbies; one is reading good literature, and the other is following major league baseball teams.

BUCK OF THE WEEK THE WEEK IN THE WAR AS TOLD BY THE OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

American land forces completed American air force headquarters Germany and Japan.

Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of completion of the three-week Attu at Wilhelmshaven and Emden. campaign had placed American forces "within striking distance of Japanese territory."

The Navy announced that the Attu campaign cost the U.S. forces 1,535 casualties including 342 killed. This compared with Japanese losses of 1.791 dead counted by our forces and eleven prisoners captured. The Japanese were reported to have buried or cremated many additional members of their forces. The Tokio radio had placed Japanese losses at 3,000. Fifty-eight American soldiers are missing in the action, the Navy announced

Earlier, the American forces ended organized Japanese resistance by driving two deep wedges into the enemy lines, isolating the enemy into small pockets which were swiftly wiped up. The isolated "pockets" were scattered all over the island. At the end of the week it was reported that a few isolated small units were still hiding in sections of the

Heavy bombardment of Germany and Nazi-occupied territory continued all week, as the R.A.F. and American army air force flyers set new records in increasingly severe aerial warfare.

the Attu campaign last week, as Al- in London announced that American lied air power rained new and in-flying fortresses and liberators creasingly severe blows at Italy, reached a new high by shooting down 74 enemy aircraft in a single day's raids on May 21 in twin at-War, announced that the successful tacks on the Nazi submarine bases

The largest force of heavy bombers ever employed by the Eighth U. S. Air Force raided St. Nazaire, La Pallice and Rennes in France, dropping 2,000 pound block-busters on Nazi submarine pens.

FRENCH SHIPS JOIN ALLIES

London announced last week that the French fleet of nine warships which have been immobilized at Alexandria since the start of the war have joined the Allies. Naval experts said the nine vessels, which include the 22,189-ton Battleship Lorraine, three 10,000-ton eight-inch gun cruisers and the 7,249-ton six-inch gun cruiser Duquay-Trouin can be made ready for combat in about six months.

NORTH AFRICAN ACTION

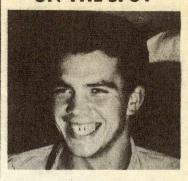
Action on the North African front last week was seen by large units of Major General James H. Doolittle's strategic bombardment group which kept up a steady bombardment of Italian Island outposts and costal areas. Allied destroyers sank two enemy supply ships and a torpedo boat and drove an enemy destroyer ashore in an attack on a convoy off the southern tip of Sardinia early in the week.

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Brig. Gen. Frank W. Weed, Commanding General, pinning silver star on St. Sqt. Joseph M. Smith, a decoration for displaying exceptional leadership and courage at Guadalcanal.

ON THE SPOT



LARRY L. RODGERS

When a transport from the Alaskan battle zone arrived with patients for Letterman Hospital cne of the patients, Private Larry L. Rodgers, had planned to phone and surprise his wife who lives in Benicia. However, it is a question who was more surprised, because that phone call was the first message he had received of the arrival of twin baby daughters, born to his wife on June 1st-Linda Mae and Donna Le Ann, 51/2 and 61/2 pounds respectively.

Private Rodgers is a native of California-born in Oakland in 1919. He attended Santa Rosa High School and was engaged in ranching when he was inducted on March 3. 1941. Prior to his transfer to Alaska, his service was spent at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, and it was during this time that he was mar-

His wife, the former Helen Marie Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson of Oakland, California, was employed at one of the bay area defense projects when she met Private Rodgers and they decided to get married before he was sent to Alaska.

At the present, the battle of Attu is secondary with Private Rodgers as far as the conversation goes. He was with the very first group of men to go over the ship's side in the invasion of the island, and yet the number of Japs killed or the details of the battle are not worth talking about when the conversation can be turned to the twins.

He has not seen the babies or his wife yet and is anxiously awaiting the time when he will be able to get up. "One consolation," he said, "she is still in the hospital and I know she is all right. Both she and the babies are fine."

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MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: Percy Frazier, Gerson Chanin, Paul P. Hecht, Lou D. Slott, Freddie J. Brieno, and Charles B. Richards, promoted to Sergeants; Filbert J. Quiroz, promoted to Technician Fourth-Grade; Benny P. Hampton, Antulio M. Martinez, Earl L. Hawkins and Norman L. Arneet, promoted to Technicians Fifth-Grade; David M. Coleman, Harry P. Agruss, Mentis Carrare, Presper J. Skill, Albert Draper, Lawrence E. Dotts, Hardin Frazier, Charles Howard, Coleman Kenner, Persie W. Lee, Ernest Nelson, Elley R. Rabago, John J. Smith, Hub Williams, Genine Wright, Maximino B. Alboya, Lloyd E. Froysa, Cruz F. Sandoral, Tony A. Triplo, Jesse C. Allen, Bernardino P. Manipon, Ines F. Singson and James A. Ward promoted to Privates First Class.

A welcome is extended to Fred F. Barlettani, Edward J. Heckman, Harry M. Davis, John I. Peterson and Frank Pumilia who joined the detachment during the week.

Good luck to Walter T. Greenberg, Alvin Aarestad, John A. Babich, Howard J. Bunline, Morris M. Carver, Thomas A. Panero, Benhart O. Priesmeyer, John. A. Remnant Guadalupe G. Solorzano, James B. Tiffin, Agapito B. Serrano, Marion B. Carnes, LeRoy H. Kuhn, Joseph W. Southard and Paul Forgash who left the station this week.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/4th Gr. Charles Weisburg taking seven straight pinochle games from T/Sgt. William F. M urphy and T/3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox.

A bachelor's party given for Sgt. Ross H. Morey, formerly of this command, by a group of Non-coms. Morey took the fatal step last Tuesday night.

That the fire house is now finished and will open soon though not for business, we hope.

S/Sgt. Rudolph Shellhorn catching up with his sleep during the noon hour in the service club.

The Girls Club and Mission Community Center at 362 Capp Street issuing an invitation to Detachment members to attend the regular Friday evening dances. Time? 8 to 11 p.m.

LIEUT. STOECKL, NOW BOMBARDIER, RENEWS FRIENDSHIPS AT HOSPITAL



NORMAN E. STOECKL 2nd Lieutenant, Army Air Force

A year ago last January when the then Private First Class Norman E. Stoeckl heard that an examination was to be held in this area for prospective bombardier pilots, he was one of the first men from this detachment to make application to take it. During the last week who should put in an appearance at Letterman but Norman D. Stoeckl, now Second Lieutenant, Army Air Force—wings and all.

The schooling he has undergone in the time since he left Letterman has been long and technical, and the work very tough. He states that it could have been an awful grind had it not been the work he wanted in the first place when he joined the medical corps at Letterman back in 1940. As it is, and we quote him, "I've never been as contented and happy with my work since I joined as I am now—and I've only started by the look of things."

The technical training he has completed has equipped him to fly any lege before type of bomber, and probably after July 8, 1940.

one more course of technical study to add to the list he has now completed, he will be using that knowledge in actual flight against the enemy. So he hopes at any rate and with the army willing.

When he left Letterman, February 27, 1942, he proceeded to Santa Anna as an aviation cadet for pre-flight training. His next move was to Hemet Field for primary instruction and then on to Minter Field for basic training. The study was continued at Victorville for twin engine training and after graduating he remained there as a bombardier trainer. He also completed special training in bombing while there.

Lieutenant Stockl is a Californian by birth, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans N. Stoeckl of Fresno, California. The lieuteant graduated from St. Joseph's Military School, Ballarnime College Preparatory School and completed one year at Fresno State College before joining the army on July 8, 1940. O. M. NEWS



An announcement reached us that Dwight Darland, former Sergeant in the Commisary, received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant on May 28 at Camp Lee, Virginia. He is now in Arizona with his wife Kay, who was a Hospital Dietition at Letterman until she left three months ago to be near her husband during his training at Officers' Candidate School.

Last Saturday we were honored with a visit by Major Oscar Speed's pretty daughter, Pat, who returned home after completing the spring semester at the University of Texas. She is spending the summer here with her parents, and is planning to enroll at the University of California at Berkeley next fall.

Friends of Private Lynn Thomas received news via post card that "Tommy" is in Danville Kentucky, and expects to visit his family in Macon, Missouri, before returning to duty at the Commisary.

Three cheers for Beryl Nelson who purchased a \$100 bond recently.

What's Buzzin' in the Print Shop. Glenn Whipple re-assuming the role as a Pressman after a pleasant five-day vacation. Compositor Harry Woodley, displaying the colorful products of his victory garden upon opening his lunch box. An other Pressman, Pvt. Ed Seahorn, presenting his charming wife to his fellowworkers, and accompanying her on a tour of the plant. John Davidson, Foreman, successfully organizing a car-pooling system.



NEW CORPORALS Lester J. Miller

By T/4 Frank DeBlois

When Lt. Tom Harmon was lost with his bomber crew somewhere in the jungles of the Amazon, a lot of people thought he was done for. His old coach at Michigan, however, didn't go along with this school of thought. Far from it.

"Harmon will make it," Fritz Crisler said. "He'll turn up, you betcha." The people who suspected that Harmon would never come back from the Amazon should have listened to Crisler because Fritz knew what he was talking about. He knew Old 98 well.

You see, there were a lot of autumn afternoons when Fritz Crisler, sitting on the bench at Ann Arbor, would look out on the field and see a great wave of enemy tacklers swallow up Tom. He would sit there and watch for a minute and then he'd see Tom shoot out of the trap, bounce a couple of running guards off his hips and swivel his way down the field. This sight was always a pleasing sensation for Fritz.

This Crisler, you know, had coached some pretty good broken field runners before he ever laid eyes on Tom Harmon, During his reign as head man at Princeton. when his teams lost just one game in three years, he had watched great backs like Gerry LeVan, Pepper Constable and Kats Kadlic run up and down the field with high skill and dispatch, so when he moved to Michigan, Fritz knew what good halfbacks looked like. But he never saw one that looked like Tom Harmon before.

Harmon was a star from the day he first pulled on a football jersey to the day he last pulled one off. He was a star in high school. He was a star on the Michigan freshman team. And when he moved in on the varsity he became the greatest star in Michigan history. He was better than Benny Friedman or Harry Newman or any of the other great Wolverine stars of the past. He was the best football player Fritz Crisler ever saw.

Rival Big Ten coaches used to point their teams at Harmon. "To hell with the rest of that bunch," they would tell their men before the Michigan game. "Just go out and stop Harmon. Sit on his head if you want to. Break his arm, maybe. See what I mean, just stop Harmon. "

These rival coaches used to think (Continued on page eight)

SPORTING AROUND R. C. FIELD DIRECTOR HOME FROM TRIPLER FOR BREATHING SPELL



MRS. MARGARET H. LUTZ Member of the American Red Cross Social Service Staff assigned to duty at Letterman General Hospital.

There may be something seemingly amiss about a native of Hawaii speaking of coming "home to the mainland" for a breathing spell but that is the way it is stated by Mrs. Margaret H. Lutz, Field Director representing the American Red Cross at Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu for the past 18 months.

Mrs. Lutz joined the Red Cross in 1939 and was stationed at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington when assigned to open up a new field at Tripler Hospital. She was there when the Nips paid that unannounced call on December 7, 1941 and her staff was well organized for the burden that incident put upon them.

So much of what happened that day has been released in the public prints of the country that people at large are familiar with the details and Mrs. Lutz is reluctant to speak at length on the subject because she feels that her organization rather than the individual representative should get whatever credit is due our good San Francisco air.

for what was accomplished at that memorable time.

Mrs. Lutz was born in Honolulu, the daughter of an army officer, which makes her an "army brat" once removed yet close enough to be at least a cousin to the folks who consider the army one big family. She was graduated from the University of Hawaii and later took training in medical social service work at Simmons College, Boston, Mass.

Experience in medical social service work was gained on the staff of the Grasslands Hospital, Valhalla, N. Y., and with the Health Security Administration in Washington, D.C., and the army angle was acquired at Walter Reed Hospital.

The stay of Mrs. Lutz on the Letterman staff is probably temporary but those who have come in contact with her since she joined the local staff not long ago, believe she should be counted with our assets and have that breathing spell extended indefinitely with plenty of time to inhale

The Commanding General has expressed himself as being highly pleased with the performance of duty of the men of this detachment in connection with the admission of the large convoy of patients arriving from Attu on Sunday last.

Keeping up with the beautification progress that prevails throughout the Letterman Reservation, the 717th takes pride in this post as one of the many show-places that exist here. Every man in the organization at some time has had a hand in the development of our garden spot and rightfully feels that it is definitely a part of himself. Keep up the good work!

Private Obie Hines, recently back from a fifteen-day furlough in Louisiana, reports that the Azalea Trail, Magnolia blossoms and good coffee are still very much in evidence in that state, and southern hospitality still includes those chicken dinners.

Privates Floyd Hunter, Rufs Felder and Alfred Pickens are enjoying the company of their wives who have come from Los Angeles to visit with them.

The organization and staff welcome all of the new-comers to the outfit, and wish them clear sailing with the 717th.

Pfc Richard H. Winn sitting north, Sgt. Ira N. Taylor sitting south, two civilians east and west-Winn bidding game in spades with ace, king, and two small ones.-Catching his partner with seven spades and two singletons. (What is the army coming to?)

Our bouquet for the week goes to Sgt. Hubert Dewitty, somewhere in the Pacific. He still retains his sense of humor, and sends back words of encouragement and best wishes to his buddies in the service. He also hopes that the 717th is as good as when he left, and that it is wing up to its expectation. (More power to him.)

The AWOL's (Awall boys) have finally seen the light. The hit and run column is almost null and void.

MORE ABOUT SPORTING AROUND

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up some pretty elaborate defenses against Harmon's running attack. Sometimes they would assign four men to Tom with orders to hit him on every play whether he had the ball in his hands or not. Usually he had it, of course, and usually he managed to shake off the four men who were supposed to sit on his neck. Then he would grease into the clear and scoot down the field for a score.

Harmon was awful tough to trap. And even when you traped him, you couldn't keep him trapped. No one ever really stopped him cold on the football field and Fritz Crisler couldn't see how anyone, or anything, could ever stop him cold—anywhere at all.

So Fritz wasn't surprised when the War Department announced that Tom had made his way safely to a South American port after his bomber had crashed in the Amazon. You could never have convinced Fritz that Tom wasn't more than an even money match for a jungle.

MORE ABOUT WEEK OF THE WAR

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Powerful forces of American fourengined bombers loosed a powerful assault on Italy inflicting "great damage" on the oil refinery and shipyards at Leghorn, Italy's third largest port. Allied naval forces bombarded the harbor and battery area of Pantelleria in the Sicilian Narrows twice in twelve hours Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

The Northwest African air forces dropped a total of 3,000,000 pounds of bombs on Italy proper and Italian outposts during the week ending May 28, it was announced. In daylight raids, the American forces carried out heavy attacks at Naples and Foggia, destroying oil storage depots, grounded planes, and airdrome installations.

Army is Ready for New Tasks

General Eisenhower summed up effects of the drive which wiped the Axis out of North Africa last week, by declaring that the enemy's morale has been "jolted." The commander of Allied forces in the African theater declared that his armies are now ready to "undertake any further task that our countries may choose to assign us."

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

With this issue of the Fog Horn the War Bond Office is proud to announce that Letterman General Hospital has reached the 80 per cent mark. The following is the most recent standings of the army hospitals on the West Coast. The competition is tough but Letterman is slowly but surely advancing.

West Coast		
General Hospital	Participation	Investment
Baxter	100 %	10.87%
Bushnell		10 %
Hammond	98.14%	13.18%
Torney	96.4 %	11 %
Mc Caw		9.4 %
Sawtelle		12.2 %
Barnes		11.38%
LETTERMAN		7 %
Hoff		6.6 %



SPENCER TRACY

Well known movie star stops on a tour of the hospital to chat with Pvt. Ulysses Thompson, native of Arley, Alabama, and veteran of Guadalcanal while 2nd Lieut. Irene DeHinojoss, nurse in charge of ward, looks on and listens.



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. William Edward Westbrooke, a son, William Joseph Westbrooke, born June 4, weight nine pounds.

To Private and Mrs. Thomas E. Breaux, a daughter, Beverley Ann Breaux, born June 5, weight six pounds, fourteen ounces.

To Private First Class and Mrs. Harry King, a son, Nicholas Ira King, born June 7, weight seven pounds, eight ounces.

To Technician Fourth-Grade and Mrs. Henry William Kramer, a son, James Henry Kramer, born June 6, weight five pounds, five ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert Uhlrich Ricklefs, a son, Robert Eric Ricklefs, born June 6, weight nine pounds, nine ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. Edward Walter Miller, a daughter, Lynn Patricia Miller, born June 5, weight six pounds, three ounces.

To Private and Mrs. Virgil Berger, a daughter, Gale Dianne Berger, born June 8, weight six pounds, one ounce.

MOVING PICTURES

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15 and 16:

LADY BODYGUARD—Eddie Albert—Anne Shirley. Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday:

June 17 and 18:

MEANEST MAN IN THE WORLD
—Jack Benny—Priscilla Lane. Also March of Time.

Saturday and Sunday,

June 19 and 20:

YOUNG MR. PITT—Robert Donat—Phyllis Calvert. Also Short Subjects and News.

At Keesler Field, Miss., a bugle mysteriously missing for two days reappeared within 24 hours after the company topkick posted a notice on the bulletin board. The notice announced that all men would stand reveille one hour earlier in uniform A every morning until the bugle was found.

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New Superintendent Of A. N. C. Has Had Long Army Career

When she took the oath of office as superintendent, Army Nurse Corps on June 1st, Miss Florence A. Blanchfield became the third woman to fill that office under the present organization of the Army Nurse Corps, and also the third woman to hold the rank of colonel in the army o fthe United States. Her predecessors in the office of the superintendent were Major Julia A. Stimson and Colonel Julia O. Flikke. The latter being the first woman to hold the rank of colonel while Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the WAACs, became the second.

Colonel Blanchfield, a native of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, is a veteran of World War I, during which she served overseas. In the years intervening between the two world wars, she served at several general hospitals within the continental limits and at Sternberg General Hospital in Manila. She is not a stranger to Letterman, having had two stopover tours en route to other stations and a full year before she went out to the Philippines in 1922.

Under Colonel Blanchfield the Army Nurse Corps is undergoing rapid expansion and rank commensurate with the responsibilities of the nurses in supervising capacity has recently been authorized by the congress. In addition to the colonel-superintendents, advanced rank has been provided for sixteen lieutenant colonels, thirty majors, and eighty captains. Chief nurses will continue to hold the rank of first lieutenant, and the nurses will all hold the rank of second lieutenant.

Colonel Blanchfield brings to her new office a thorough understanding and familiarity with the problems and procedure for administering the affairs of the Army Nurse Corps.



Colonel FLORENCE A. BLANCHFIELD, A. U. S. Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps

New Rules Permit Sending of Baby Photos by V-Mail

There is nothing like a friendly rivalry between the services and that spirit often rebounds to the benefit of all. The point is well illustrated in the recent announcement by the War Department that photos might be sent along with V-mail under certain limitations.

The original instructions for the use of V-mail excluded newspaper clippings and photographs and every one followed the instructions until someone pasted a child's photo to a V-mail form and sent it off to a Sea-Bee in the South Pacific. The photo went through as a routine measure and then was given publicity. On the old principle that what has been done can be done the army desired to follow that good example.

The original application was disapproved in true military fashion with or without reason. The ordinary soldier stops there but in this instance it must have been a doughboy reveling in the role of recent daddy who kept the papers bouncing back to headquarters. Result—the announcement emanates from Washington that the War Department has relented somewhat on the restrictions on sending photos by V-mail to the fighting men overseas.

Under the change in regulations, a young mother will be permitted to send the baby's picture to daddy on the firing line. The ground rule for this is specific: Baby must be less than one year old, and must have been born since daddy sailed for overseas. The photo must not fill more than one third of the correspondence space on the standard V-mail form, and it should be pasted in the upper left hand portion to

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CHEMICAL SERVICE IS PREPARED FOR WHATEVER HAPPENS

The Chemical Warfare Office at Letterman General Hospital, although a small office with only two members on its staff, 2nd Lt. Joseph Schneider, C.W.S. and Sgt. Joseph E. Mayer, C.W.S., has played an important part in the training of the personnel of this command.

As we all know, Chemical Warfare has not been used against our troops by our common enemy in this war, but as the situation grows more tense there is every indication that it will be used. Against welltrained troops, that is, troops who have proper gas discipline, Chemical Warefare is useless. As far as this command is concerned, a Chemical Attack on this station will be of no avail, because the personnel has been trained in all the latest methods of defense, and can conduct themselves in an orderly manner in the event of such an attack.

The Chemical Warfare Service has one main role that is humanitarian. This role embodies the teaching of Defense Against Chemical Attack, Defense Against Incendiary Attack, and First Aid to Gas Casualfies, and the proper use of all the protective equipment available for protection.

Some of the subjects embodied in the training of the personnel of this hospital, are the Identification of Chemical Agents in the Field, enables every member of this command to learn the characteristics and odor of each type of Chemical Agents; also they are taught the different methods of combating incendiary agents.

Since the beginning of World War II, many methods of combatting these incendiaries have been developed, and it has been the duty of the Post Chemical Officer to keep the personnel at this hospital informed on all the latest developments. An "Incendiary Demonstration" was conducted for the members of this hospital on May 13, and 14, 1943. The personnel attending was one of the largest individual groups to witness such a demonstration. The ammunition used was the latest that had ben developed in the way of incendiaries. Two of the main features of the demonstration were the explosive type incendiary and the "Molotov Cocktail." Formerly incendiary bombs were constructed of a combustile material for the main purpose of causing fires. The new type incendiary bomb has embodied in its structure an explosive



SOLDIERS FIGHTING FIRE BOMBS

Sgt. Buford Folsom, Cpls. Frank B. Rawlins and Gustav Bingham, and T/5 John C. Casey, form an emergency Fire crew to handle a magnesium bomb.



THE MOLOTOV COCKTAIL

—in action. This is a frangible grenade often employed in attacks on tanks.

element, for the purpose of allowing the incendiary material to get a good start by making the bomb unapproachable because of the danger to personnel from the explosive action. As we have heard, our common enemy has no scruples and will use every method of warfare at his command whether humane or otherwise to gain his ends; consequently the task of educating the personnel in the methods of protection against these brutal methods of warfare is an exacting one requiring untiring effort on the part of the Chemical Officer and his assistant

The question has arisen many times as to how effective our American gas mask is, and the only answer to that question is that our gas mask is one of the finest in the world, and will give protection to the eyes, face and lungs, from any of the known War Gases.

Many people are of the opinion that Chemical Warfare is an inhumane method of warfare, but all methods of warfare are inhumane and brutal whether it be rifle and bayonet, or steel from high explosive shells. There is also a socalled rule of warfare which forbids the use of any toxic gases of chemicals, but as we all know there is no such thing as rules of warfare as far as the enemy is concerned. His main idea is to capture land, supplies, etc., regardless of the loss of life, and any methods of warfare which will gain his objective he will use to full advantage. One of the main reasons that our common enemy has not used chemical warfare against our troops is because he fears retaliation. Chemical Warfare will be reverted to when all other methods of attack fail. The enemy is getting to the point where he is desperate and there is no doubt that he will employ Chemical Warfare and in the very near future.

Against Chemical Warfare as in no other method of warfare the only protection that is available to the soldier is his gas mask and protective clothing. Against rifle fire and artillery fire, the greater protection is provided by foxholes and dugouts, but these would be of no avail against chemical warfare, because of the insidious nature of these chemical agents. They sift into low places, around objects and over them, filtering into every crack and

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MORE ABOUT CHEMICAL WARFARE

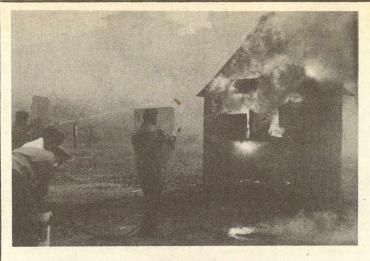
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opening thus causing casualties if no protection is available. YOU CANNOT HIDE FROM GAS.

Some of the activities of the Chemical Warfare personnel stationed at this hospital are the repair and disinfection of all gas masks turned in by patients coming from overseas and who are being discharged from the service. As a whole, these gas masks are in fairly good condition. After these gas masks have once more been put in first-class condition by repairing any minor defects and by replacing the canister, they are once again issued to troops. In the event this hospital is subjected to a chemical attack, it would be with a vesicant or blistering agent. If this were the case, before the area would be safe for use of the hospital personnel, it would have to be decontaminated. It is the duty of the Chemical Officer to make all arrangements for a decontamination crew to be brought here to do this work. This hospital would play a very vital role in the event of an attack on this coast. There would be a terrific influx of patients, and before these patients could be taken care of, the area would have to be made safe for the personnel to work in, and facilitate the movement of patients from one part of the hospital to another. The duty of the assistants to the Chemical Officer here is to supply to all personnel the available equipment for gas protection and safety, which includes exchanging gas masks and replacing canisters which might have been damaged during an attack.

In the event of an attack we can look to no one else except ourselves for protection because each and every one of us is going to be concerned with his own protection. There has been provided us the finest equipment that can be procured for our protection and it is up to each individual to see to it that this equipment is kept in firstclass condition, so that if an attack does come we will be prepared for it

There has been prepared for the information of each member of this hospital, a booklet entitled "Individual Protection Against Chemical Attack" which contains many of the things necessary for each member of this hospital with which to become of you in time of need.



LOTS OF FIRE

-from blaze caused by incendaries but the crew knows how to fight it. Crews are organized among hospital personnel for all emergencies.



To Major and Mrs. Chas. R. Grant a son, Richard Cullen Grant, born June 10, weight 8 pounds 5½ ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. Leland C. Kusske, a son, James Lee Kusske, born June 12, weight 7 pounds 12

To Sergeant and Mrs Arthur J. Clark, a daughter, Barbara Ann Clark, born June 13, weight 8 pounds 41/2 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Harlin Tillberg, a son, Douglas Edward Tillberg, born June 14, weight 8 pounds 12 ounces

familiar. This booklet has been approved as a training aid, and it is the duty of each person to read this booklet thoroughly, become familiar with each part of defense as it is outlined not only for his own protection but for the hospital as a

One important thing to remember is: Take personal interest in the care and condition to your protective equipment and it will take care

Whatja Mean? Yer Only Get Fifty **Bucks Per Month?**

An estimate that a Buck private in the United States army receives the equivalent of \$1,700 a year came from the Office of War Information recently.

That \$50 a month adds up in a year to \$600 as you all know. But did you know that food runs to \$574.50, barracks shelter \$120, equipment and replacement \$170, medical, dental and hospital care runs another \$100 yearly. Then in addition to that you save \$63 on life insurance, \$11 on cigarettes, \$32.50 on laundry and \$29 on postage and barber bills.

And along with these benefits the government has provided that Joe GI has the following privileges:-

- 1. Civil suits, for debts and insurance premium payments are suspended until 6 months after the
- 2. He can vote at national and state elections.
- 3. He is eligible for unemployment insurance in 44 states if he can't get a job when he returns.
- 4. His former employer has to reinstate him at his old job and with his seniority rating.
- 5. His dependents can collect dependency benefits.
- 6. He can receive free medical and hospital care after the war.

Adding all those items up, the money handed over from the Finance Officer is a far bigger sum than we thought.

Sports Slants From Other Camps

The first division hopes of the Philadelphia Phillies were dealt a staggering blow recently when Elisworth (Babe) Dahlgren, first baseman extraordinary, who has been cavorting at short for the Phils most of this season, passed his Army physical. Smooth fielding Dahlgren is scheduled to enter the service sometime in July.

Pvt. J. Donald Budge, red-headed holder of more tennis titles than any other living man, recently completed his 41-day conditioning period at the Shep-pard Field, Tex. Basic Training Center.

Buzz Borries, Navy's great back of a few years ago, downed a pair of Zeros in his first five minutes of flying in the South Pacific. He's now an instructor at Pensacola.

The Boston Red Sox, who have sent Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky, Lou Finney and Dom DiMaggio into service, claim to be the biggest contributors to the war effort in the big leagues; a claim that's disputed by the Detroit Tigers, who have lost 22 men to the armed forces. Among the Tigers to go were Hank Greenberg, Charlie Gehringer, Barney Mc-Cosky, Freddie Hutchinson, Pat Mullin and Birdie Tebbets.

Lt. Big George Earnshaw, who helped right hand the Philadelphia Athletics to pennants in 1929, '30 and '31, has been switched from his job at the Jacksonville (Fla.) Naval Base to a plane

Joe Mandell, once a star left handed passer in the NYU backfield is an ensign in the Navy attending the PT boat training school at Mellville, R. I.

Capt. R. R. Emmet, commanding office at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, in a recent speech at Chicago gave notice to big league ball players on the Great Lakes nine that next season may find them taking part in a much bigger game overseas. "We have some great players there this year, but we're going to break up the team," he said. "There's Johnny Mize on first base. Always been one of my favorites. But next season I expect he'll be playing in New Cale-donia—or even better, on the plains of Italy." Other big leaguers on the team include Johnny Schmitz, Chicago Cubs; Tom Ferrick, Cleveland Indians; Joe Grace and Johnny Lucadello, St. Louis Browns; and George Dickey, Chicago White Sox.

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EDITORIAL

ENTERTAINMENT

One of the problems in any hospital where ambulant patients are present in great numbers is the matter of entertainment. We have that problem here but are fortunate in having a solution almost at the other end of the telephone.

The development of our entertainment program was by no means spontaneous but rather by the untiring effort of those who are charged with that duty. They recognized the presence of a source of pleasure to our walking cases, made the necessary contacts, and the result has been a regular program instead of a hit and miss affair.

Practically all of the celebrities of stage, screen, and radio coming to this section of the country have been generous enough to find time for a visit to Letterman. Many others who are not so well known have given freely of their time and talents for the entertainment of our patients. It has all added up to pleasant hours instead of long dreary hours of waiting.

Nearly all of our patients appreciate what is being done for them and we trust their attitude will be an example to rare few who seem to be lacking in ordinary courtesy.

Our entertainers are giving their services in a spirit of patriotism. Let us all give them tangible evidence of our appreciation.



A cordial welcome to the Army Nurse Corps is extended to 2nd Lt. Lois V. Mikesell. ANC. Miss Mikesell is not a stranger in "these here" parts, having been a civilian nurse for two years and we are happy that she was assigned to Letterman.

We also put out the "Welcome" sign to 2nd Lt. Mary E. Lee, who transferred from Fort Dix. New Jersey. Miss Lee calls California her home state although she came here at a tender age. She attended High School in Palo Alto and after graduating in 1935, she studied at the University of California, majoring in Pre-Medics. Her first ambition was to become a doctor, but she settled for becoming a nurse. After graduating from the University of California Hospital in 1943, she returned there to work-specializing in Surgery. Miss Lee says it is wonderful to be back to San Francisco. and her chief pastime is writing

Greetings to 2nd Lt. Edith H. Vance, who joined the ANC on June 10, 1943. Miss Vance was born in Alberta, Canada, but attended school in Dillon, Montana, graduating from High School there and then attending Junior College in Missoula for two years. 2nd Lt. Vance trained at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, graduating in September 1936. After 31/2 years at the Seaside Hospital in Long Beach and two years of Office and Industrial Nursing, Miss Vance followed the popular trend of the times and patriotically offered her services to that grand old Unclenamely: Sam.

Letterman extends a most hearty welcome to 2nd Lt. Doris D. Pitman, who joined the Nuries Staff on Monday last. A native of Washington, Miss Pitman was born in Spokane and at the age of eight moved to Seattle, and later entered Columbus Hospital to receive training in her chosen profession, graduating in February 1943. After completing her training at Columbus Hospital, Miss Pitman enrolled in Western State Hospital at Ft. Steilacoon. Washington for a specialized course in psychiatry. Her only ambition is to "know" San Francisco.



Major Eugene Hopp wearing a decoration on his upper lip which may turn out to be a mustache one of these days.

Major Frank R. Day celebrating his fourth anniversary of-well. perhaps better not mention the occasion for the celebration.

Colonel Russell H. Patterson listening in on a conference with Col. Oscar Nolan and Major Charles F. McCuskey and stumping them with "But who will hold the rats?"

Sergeant Douglas L. Gabb doing a lot of hurried packing to catch that train for Carolina.

Chaplain Edward Haskins getting a little assistance in holding up his chin on Ward B-1.

Sgt. Ceasar Michaletti explaining he had nothing to do with the raising of point value on beef.

Captain Cleo E. Rumsey pulling a church organ out of the air to replace the wheezy antique now in service and the Commanding General giving immediate approval to the project.

A note from Spencer Tracy thanking us for the courtesies shown him on the occasion of his recent visit. It does happen-and always in his

Soldiers Help Prevent Panic in Tram Wreck

Delair, N. J. (CNS)-Soldiers from the nearby Army Air Base at Atlantic City helped prevent panic here recently when a Pennsylvania Railroad train skipped the track enroute to New York and overturned, injuring scores and killing 13.

The soldiers, most of them on weekend pass from the Atlantic City base, helped free passengers trapped in the wreckage and gave first aid treatment.

Pvt. Felix Shagin, 19, of Atlantic City, helped several women esfrom one overturned car despite the fact he received a severely lacerated foot in the accident. Cpl. Michael Ricci, also of Atlantic City, carried a number of injured passengers to safety then attempted to rescue the train fireman who was killed in the acci-

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, June 20, 1943

Saturday, June 19, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Confessions before all Masses. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

OBITUARY

Belva A. Towery

Miss Belva A. Towery, R.N., who has been associated with the nursing staff at Letterman for the past fourteen years, died in San Francisco on June 9, 1943.

Funeral services were conducted by Captain L. Lane McCammon at the funeral parlors of Halsted & Company, and the remains sent to Tribune, Kentucky for interment.

The sympathy of the command is extended to the family of Miss Towery.

D. F. C. Is Awarded Posthumously To Major Larner

The final tribute of a grateful nation has come to Major Edward L. Larner, the one-time Letterman baby who became a bomber pilot to fight gallantly and give his life in the southwest Pacific war area.

Press dispatches this week from Australia report the post-humous award of the Distinguished Flying cross to Major Larner. The citation stated that while serving as the leader of a formation of bombers in the historic Battle of the Bismarck Sea last March, he dived from 5000 feet to sink a large destroyer and then scored a direct hit on a large transport. He led a second mission the same day.

Major Larner was killed in action on April 30 of this year in the southwest Pacific area.

NEW CORPORALS

Reginald V. Alley. Philip H. Bryant. Gordon L. Lockwood.



Pvt. STANLEY A. KORT

Private Stanley A. Kort, hailing from the city noted for its "Blue Song" Saint Louis, Missouri, fills the bill this week as our buck.

Private Kort was born in St. Louis on September 14, 1917, and like most fellows in the army at present, he spent his days before the war within the limits of his home town. He received his education at Jackson School in this town, and while at school he became interested in his present hobby, namely; fishing. He refused to commit himself on the number of times he played hookey from school to keep in practice in this hobby.

After completing his schooling in 1933, Private Kort was only able to find work doing odd jobs in St. Louis because of the depression, however, in 1936 he obtained his first steady employment at the Columbus Box Company in St. Louis, and remained here a year when he quit his job to join the Civilian Conservation Corps and was sent to help in the work at Babler State Park in Missouri. At the expiration of his six month's enlistment he left the "CCC's" to be employed by the Rock Island Frisco Freight Company as a trucker.

In the meantime Cupid also struck him and he was married on May 17,

Private Kort was first sent to Jefferson Barracks and thence to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for his basic training. After completing his preliminary training, he was assigned to an infantry outfit stationed at this post. However, after staying here for a year, his outfit travelled to Iowa, back to Fort Leonard Wood, thence to maneuvers in Illinois and finally to Yuma, Arizona. From Yuma he was transferred to California to the Medical Corps, and was sent to Letterman on June 6, 1943.

BUCK OF THE WEEK THE WEEK IN THE WAR AS TOLD BY THE OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

20 days of intense bombardment, was announced in a special communique from General Eisenhower's headquarters. The announcement came suddenly, less than an hour after the day's regular operational communique had merely reported continued heavy attacks on the island throughout vesterday and the previous night.

Surrender of Pantelleria gives the Allies an airdrome and naval base only 60 miles southwest of Sicily. The encirclement of Lampedusa, second largest of the stepping stone islands in the Sicilian narrows, would give the Allies another valuable base, just 90 miles southeast of Pantelleria, and 110 miles west of Malta. (British naval forces landed a reconnaissance party on Lampedusa on June 6, and all but two of the party returned safely.)

FORCED BY AIR POWER

The communique reporting the fall of Pantelleria said the surrender was the result of a period of "continuous and intense air bombard-

The surrender of Pantelleria, after ment, supported by naval bombardment."

> It was an unprecedented capitulation, brought about almost solely by air power. The British navy shelled the island six times, but the greater part of the attack was carried on by American and RAF planes of all types—wave after wave of bombers heaping fire and destruction on the smoking ruins of previous bombings. In the last phase of the onslaught, the island was under constant, unremitting attack, and 37 Axis planes were knocked down in the final air battle.

> Allied pamphlets dropped on Pantelleria Tuesday (June 8) warned that the island would be bombed, shelled and blockaded until it surrendered. When the Italian garrison made no reply, Allied planes inflicted on the island the severest kind of aerial and naval bombardment. Secretary of War Stimson announced that the Axis rejection of the chance to surrender meant the bombing would continue.

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Miss SHEILA PERT

Well known in local musical circles giving an informal program for our patients in the Recreation Center. Sheila's dad, Hartley Peart, prominent San Francisco attorney, is lending support from the rear, while the pianist is Mrs. Beverly Slocum, of the "Gray Ladies." Miss Peart is a volunteer most generous with her time and talent in entertaining our wounded from all battlefields.

ON THE SPOT



Corp. EDWARD J. KALL

At a very early age, in fact before he had completed school, Edward J. Kall had made up his mind to join the army with the idea of making it his career. Corporal Kall, at present a patient on Ward D-1 and formerly stationed at Letterman as an M.P., made this decision back in Duluth, Minnesota in June 1934 when he quit high school to "join up." He signed his services in the army at Fort Snelling on June 11 of that year as a private in the in-

His first three years were spent at Fort Snelling, and with the infantry still in mind he reenlisted. but for a tour of foreign service. From Fort Snelling he was sent to Schofield Barracks in Hawaai, transferring to the field artillery after his initial six months foreign service. He states that there was nothing exceptional in his duty during the thirty months spent in the islands.

After Hawaii, reenlistment for Corporal Kall took place here at Letterman in 1940. He had decided that he would like the military police, and asked for assignment there. Until his transfer on January 10, 1943 to another station, his entire time was spent in this department.

Corporal "Eagle Eye" Kall, as he was often called, is best remembered at Letterman for the uncanny ability to spot a man out of uniform at 100 paces. If, innocently, a person were walking along the ramps and someone came up behind him and said, "Let's button that pocket, soldier"-or "That hair is pretty shaggy, soldier, get it cut"-it was Corporal Kall. And regardless of the rank or friendship-duty came first to him.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men: August J. Piette, Gale H. Reedy, Lewin S. Villa, Stuart E. Curtis, and John E. Mattison, promoted to Sergeants; Carroll M. Dykstra, Bowman M. Hoerl, Lawrence J. Howard, Carroll W. Marsh, promoted to Technicians Fourth-Grade; Mervyn R. Hamlin, Fred H. Holmes, Addison D. Lewis and John R. Rash, promoted to Technicians Fifth-Grade; John M. Babbitt, John E. Brunt, Thomas L. Davis, Robert B. Jacobs, Elmer P. Martell, Crig D. Nilmeier, Jack Ross and Dwight A. Henry, promoted to Privates First-Class.

Success to Ward F. Schmidt, Harry P. Agruss and Herbert Radke, who left to attend an Army Specialized Training Program.

. . .

Interesting to See:

T/4th Gr. James McDavid "All Smiles" since a certain party moved to San Francisco.

T/3rd Gr. Charles Wilcox has quit playing Pinochle for a while in order to learn the Technique of T/Sgt. William Murphy.

T/4th Gr. George Apregan is back in the Clinic's Laboratory after attending a special school in New York.

The members of the Detachment enjoying themselves at the Smoker held last Tuesday and Wednesday.

T/4th Gr. Anthony G. Rotkovich carrying his portable radio wherever he goes.

1st Sgt. Calvin Williams helping the San Francisco Ball Team last Sunday. Is it possible he was throwing pop bottles at the umpire?

* * *
S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein explaining what it feels like to wear metal
hair curlers, tsk! tsk!

"I have a pain in my abdomen," said the rookie to the army doctor.

"Young man," replied the medico, "officers have abdomens, sergeants have stomachs; YOU have a bellyache."—San Jester.

SAVE COMMANDO TACTICS FOR NAZIS NOT GALS—SAYS GEORGIA CARROLL



GEORGIA CARROLL

Probably I know more service men than any girl in the United States.

I've helped Kay Kyser put on so many shows for GI's that I lost count months ago; all our NBC broadcasts come from camps and bases; and I have met hundreds of soldiers, sailors and marines at the Hollywood Canteen during our Saturday night shows there.

In other words, I think I know you well enough to tell you how a girls likes a service man to act on a date.

And my advise is: DON'T BE A PARLOR COMMANDO!

I mean it.

Everybody loves you. Everybody appreciates what you're doing for us. You can be sure that we gals are awful glad to see you.

So you don't have to act as if you haven't seen a woman for years. Play a little bit hard-to-get.

Do you want proof of what I terma mean? Next time you're at a USO band.

center, just look around. Who's the fellow all the girls are flocking for?

Is it the Romeo (he thinks), who is making all the bright remarks (he thinks) and sweeping the girls off their feet (he thinks)? You bet it isn't.

The one they're all going for is that quiet fellow over in the corner—the "difficult case" who is so hard to entertain that the girls make a beeline for him just to see if THEY can't bring him out of his shell.

Not that you have to go into a shell. One extreme is almost as bad as the other.

But save those commando tactics for the Nazis and Japs. You don't need e'm on a date.

-Georgia Carroll

In case you do not know—Georgia Carroll is the NBC singing star with Kay Kyser's "College of Musical Knowledge." She appeared at Letterman recently with the Kyser band.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

With the graduation last week the School Detachment found itself larger by nine. The Duty Personnel extend a welcome to these new members: Technical Fifth Grade William Hood, Technical Fifth Grade Irving Halman, Privates First-Class Douglas H. Castleman, Richard N. Johnson, Howard S. May, Lawrence F. Remple, Floyd J. Yoder, Robert F. Stoming and George D. Wall.

Since the Cherry Pie Incident, 2nd Lieutenant Frederick Beauchamp is perhaps one of the most popular officers to the students. After demonstrating a lecture on fractions with the afore mentioned pastry, the lieutenant served it, sending many of the boys out "pie-eyed."

Chef de Gendarmes (Sgt. Daniel J. Mahoney) recently returned from a quick trip to the South after delivering some of the graduates. He claims there was nothing exciting to report . . . tsk . . . tsk.

Hospital note . . . Rexford La-Frenier receiving treatment at LGH for a broken foot.

The wedding of Corporal Walter Pulling and "the girl from back home" finally took place at the Post Chapel Monday afternoon after many changes in the original plans. The benedick is now enjoying an extended leave before his bride returns to the deep South.

ASTP claims several of the Detachment men this week and we extend our good wishes to S/Sgt. Harris Hitt, and S/Sgt. Ben Shedoudy, along with Cpl. Markel and Pvt. John Shea.

Seen about the Campus ...

Nineteen new Tech. 5th's, recently graduated, who are working at Letterman for advanced training under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel George C. Shivers, School Training Officer.

Corporal Leo E. Schutz wandering around in a daze wondering why SHE hasn't written to him.

Incidentally . . . Tech. 4th Gr. Eugene Beals is back from his trip to the Middle West . . . need we say more??

O. M. NEWS



Sergeant Dean "Pop" Latimer escorting the new blonde steno from Engineers on a personally conducted tour of the PX!!

No rest for the Quartermaster! The dull grind of inventory has been in process throughout the Detachment since the 29th of last month. Under the able direction of Lt. Col. H. A. Stecker, Quartermaster and Director of the Supply Divsion, the work has gone on nights and Sundays as well as during the regulation day.

Col. Stecker reports extra satisfactory results of the inventory, and commends his staff on the efficiency of their operation.

Congratulations are to be extended to Mrs. Sue Greenwell, Purchasing and Contracting Clerk of the Quartermaster, on her appointment to that position at the new Oakland Area Station Hospital. One of the most efficient members of QM personnel, Sue will be missed "more than you know."

Eleanor Poskus is taking over in Major Speed's office, replacing Ethyl Giovacchini, who has been transferred to the Property Section.

Sgt. Charles Mehr, our new bridegroom, believes in security plus. He recently purchased a \$500.00 bond.

Herman Frash's cheeks are more rosy now that he has been eating products from his victory garden.

MORE ABOUT NEW RULES

(Continued from page one)

avoid creasing when the reproduction is folded.

Only a new father would get a thrill out of the infants' picture reduced to V-mail size but he should have his thrill and not be discouraged by the statement that all babies look alike in normal size photos.

It seems superfluous to add that blondes, over one year old. who answer to the name of "Baby" are

THEY SAY A WOMAN PAYS AND PAYS BUT MEET A MAN WHO DOES SO TOO



CHARLES W. WALTON Staff Sergeant, Finance Department

In April 1942 the Finance Department of Letterman Hospital, boasting one room as an office in the basement of Ward "G" also boasted an enlisted personnel of one-the then T/5th Gr. Clyde L. Lester, known as Letterman's only orphan. Now, including a group of six enlisted men and a large main office and private office for the officer in charge, Captain Wayne M. Akers, it is no longer an orphanage at large but one big happy family with Staff Sergeant Charles W. Walton as ranking NCO.

It was on July 1, 1942 that Sergeant Walton arrived by transfer from Camp Roberts, California-and as a buck private-where he had been buring the midnight oil over the books of the finance department of that camp. He had been at Camp Roberts since shortly after his induction into the army at Fort Lewis, Washington on January 8, 1942, having been inducted from Moscow,

Sergeant Walton was born and raised in Moscow. His date of birth was June 8, 1919. After graduating from High School there in 1937 his not included in the new permission. ispirations were inclined towards the family.

banking business as a career, and his subsequent application for employment in a local bank was accepted to give root to the fulfillment of these aspirations. He was so employed until his induction.

Just last week memories of that civilian life-Moscow and the bank -were brought back again into sharp relief when Miss Betty Pearce came to San Francisco with her mother to become Mrs. Charles W. Walton. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey Pearce of Sandpoint, Idaho, and worked with the Sergeant in the bank back in Mos-

The ceremony was performed by Reverend A. J. Unquerma of the Presbyterian Church and was attended by the mothers of both Sergeant and Mrs. Walton. Staff Sergeant William Mathias acted as best man for the groom, and an aunt of the bride, Mrs. D. Bangs, attended her. Sergeant Harold Junso played the wedding music, accompanying Captain Akers who sang several baritone solos.

The Finance Office is no longer an orphanage-just one big happy

Strictly on the beam on the night of June 14th, a party was attended at the U.S.O. Club by practically the entire personnel able to leave the post. Thanks to Mrs. Gertrude White and the entire U.S.O. Group-a fine time was had by all. The 4th Army orchestra provided the music-and it was good. More such parties are in the offing for the detachment soon.

A group of our boys went to the Coliseum Bowl Skating Rink and proceeded to show the experts how skating should be done-result-the following men were on the floor; Corporal Paul Weaver, Privates First Class Ambrose Jackson, Julius Clay, Charles Harris, and Rufus Felder. (Gentlemen, you can't say the U.S. Army won't try.)

Corporal Boots, company mascot, has deserted and gone AWOL for the period of one week. The bad feature about the whole situation was she deserted to the Navy with the idea of joining the WAVES. Believe it or not, she was one dog in a million. And the 717th actually misses her.

Private Albert Linton has just left on a fifteen-day furlough, and plans to "keep Georgia on his mind." We wish him a happy vacation.

Highlight of the Company Prom-Private First-Class Ernest Nelson doing the Suzy Q, after stating emphatically that he could not dance.

Our company commander, Lt. Morris Henderson, not to be outdone by such gay blades as Theodore Bartlett, George Redix, Curtis Howard, Ambrose Jackson, Charles Cook and Richard Winn, proceeded to show the boys how graceful dancing could really be graceful. (He was terrific)

An old friend, Lt. Samuel G. Chadman, who is convalescing at Modesto, sends greetings and best wishes to the entire company, and. wishes them success in their future undertakings.

MORE ABOUT THE WEEK OF WAR

(Continued from page five)

The surrender of Pantelleria came at 11:40 a.m. (6:40 a.m. EWT). When the Axis garrison ran up a white flag and placed a white cross on the air field. Shortly after noon, American Flying Fortress marked the victory with a big parade through the air over advanced Allied Air Force Headquarters—an impressive display of the growing Allied aerial strength.

The message from General Eisenhower was received by President Roosevelt early Friday morning—a good piece of news, the President said. Shortly afterward, he told a press conference that he had no details on the island's surrender except that the reason apparently was that the Italian defenders did not have enough water to sustain them.

STRIKING ON MANY FRONTS

Even as the northwest African air forces were concentrating on Pantelleria, American four-engined bombers of the Middle Eastern Command raided the Gervine and Catania airdromes in Sicily, thus carryforward the campaign to cut down Axis air strength in preparation for possibly large-scale amphibious operations.

Secretary of War Stimson, emphasizing that American air forces are striking with increasing vigor and effectiveness on widely scattered world fronts, said that while American and British planes continue to hammer the Mediterranean islands of Sicily and Sardinia, as well as the Italian mainland, the weather in Britain has interfered with bombing raids in recent days.

Over Europe a quiet prevailed the longest interruption in the night air offensive against Germany since the 24-night lull that preceded the Allied landings in North Africa.

Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, head of the American Air Forces in the European theater, said the USAAF in Britain has doubled since March and will be doubled again by September. By the end of the summer, said Gen. Eaker, the USAAF, increasing 15 to 30 percent monthly, will be carrying its full share of the bombing offensive against the Axis.

The increase in American plane, is in both bombers and fighters, he said, with a preponderance of bombers, both heavy and medium.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Last week this column was proud to announce that Letterman had reached 80 per cent participation in the War Bond Campaign, but unless everyone does his or her share Letterman will stay at 80 per cent and not get any farther.

Several people have been contacted and their answer has been, "We buy bonds on the outside for cash." This plan is very commendable but does not help the Campaign.

By a payroll deduction your Government is sure that it most urgently needs to buy the materials that will help win this War.

Drop in to Room 202 Administration Building today or phone local 2761 to make that payroll deduction. Your bonds will be sent to you within fifteen days of completion under the new plan.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STAFF

—is another group to win the Treasury Department war bond campaign "T" banner with better than 'Ninety and ten' representation and subscription. L. to R. they are: Misses Frances Hatch, Helen Barnum, Huldah Steinmesch, Hazel Donelson and Esther Aguado.

Keglers Catch A Couple and Say The Tide Has Turned

The Letterman Bowling team broke their losing streak in the 890 Classic league at the Bagdad Bowling Alleys when they defeated the Reichlin Service Stations Inc., two games to one. The Medics had the good fortune to obtain the services of Sergeant Poli who carried an average of 192 for last winter's leagues. Poli will be with us for two weeks. Last night he took the place of S/Sgt. Walter Yohe who is on a trip to Texas, and next week he is going to replace Sgt. Wilcox. Sgt. Poli's games of 203, 194 and 208 were high for the Medical team which totaled 605.

Sgt. Kuntz was second with a 580 triple with games of 187, 190 and 203. Kuntz continued his string of left handed strikes after the tournament was over by bowling a few extra games left handed. He is willing to wager that he can bowl 170 or better left handed—if there are any takers.

Sgt. Wilcox had low series with Cpl. Marino following very close by a margin of three pins.

In the near future the Medic's are going to engage the Ice Follies Bowling team in an "Owlsession" match at the Bagdad lanes. Last year the two teams met and the game was won by the Ice Follies team by a margin of four pins which included a 150 pin handicap alloted them by the IGH team.

The results of last evenings series

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The Men of Attu Are Decorated in Letterman Patio

In sharp contrast to the bleak, snowy windswept battle area of the Island of Attu was the presentation last Monday in the sunshine of California, and under the palm trees in the patio at Letterman Hospital, the Order of Purple Heart for one officer and fifteen enlisted men for wounds received in action during the recent battle fronts were also cited at this ceremony.

The medals were presented by Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding General, Letterman General Hospital, and followed the reading of the citations by the Post Adjutant, Major Frank R. Day, M. A. C.

The presentation of the Purple Heart to this group created considerable interest among members of the civilian press and several reporters and photographers were present to record it.

After the ceremony in the patio General Weed proceeded to the bedsides of three officers in Ward B-1, who were also included in the citation; and these officers, First Lieutenant Aldo S. Romiti, Field Artillery, and Second Lieutenants Donald F. Baier and Donald K. Reynolds, Infantry, were accorded the same honors received by the others.

Lieutenant Baier is from Woodstock, Illinois and Lieutenant Reynolds comes from Chicago, Illinois, while Lieutenant Romiti's home is in Helen, Oregon.



Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Comanding General presenting the Order of the Purple Heart to Pacific war veterans wounded in action. Left, Major Frank R. Day, M. A. C., Adjutant, reads the citation for the following men: L. to R.; 1st Lt. PAUL M. COTY, Inf., Binghamton, N. Y.; Sgt. LEONARD M. FOULK, Inf., Canton, III.; Sgt. LEWIS E. ISHMIEL, Inf., Onarga, III.; Cpl. Floyd J. ALLEN, F. A., Adamsville, Alabama; Cpl. GEORGE W. MIRICH, Inf., Bend, Oregon; T/5 HOWARD W. FREDERICK, Inf., Shandon, Calif.; Pfc. JAMES L. CLOUTIER, Scouts, Ferndale, Mich.; Pfc. ARTHUR E. GERKEY, Inf., Pittsburg, Pa.; Pfc. CLAR-ENCE H. HENDRICKS, Inf., Holcombe, Wisconsin; Pfc. FRED NEWELL, Inf., Mounds, III.; Pfc. WILLIAM D. WESTCOTT, Inf., Los Angeles, Calif.; Pvt. WILLIAM A. ANDERSON, Inf., Barnesville, Ohio; Pvt. HAROLD H. HAEN, Inf., De Pere, Wisconsin; Pvt. HAROLD R. JOHNSON, Inf., Tyler, Minn.; Pvt. GARRETT MOSS, Inf., Atlanta, Ga.; Pvt. PHIL F. SMIGIEL, Inf., Los Angeles, Calif.; LeROY C. STRAND, Inf., Oak Park, III.; and Pvt. CLIFFORD B. VINCENT, Scouts, Santa Rosa, Calif.

With the exception of Corporal Allen who received wounds at Guadalcanal and Private Hendricks, wounded at Buna, New Guinea all the other men were wounded in action at

Attu Island, Alaska.

OST EXCHANGE IS GOOD SUB FOR MEN'S CLUB"

The Army changes a man. If it doesn't seem possible take a good look in the nearest mirror. The clothing is different and so is the bearing. The food isn't just like "Mom's" but it is plenty good and there's lots of it. The one thing the Army can't change however is the man's desire for a place to gather and continue social contacts-a desire for the informal comforts a home affords. A man may not admit that he misses home and its comforts but he does and the P.X .-Service Club for enlisted personnel situated in the east hospital at Letterman is the Army's answer to the common, every day social needs of the enlisted men. In short it is the place he can "hang his hat" and call home.

When conditions necessitated that the regular "Service Club" for men be renovated the comforts of the club were moved over to the field P.X. building and included in the conveniences there. All equipment, pool, billiard and snooker tables. radios, books, magazines and furnishings so vital to the needs of the man who has earned a rest and wants to do nothing were set up there. Though the Army can't supply the men a "home' it has done the next best thing by furnishing a common meeting place for its personnel. For the soldier to be able to put a nickel in the Coke machine, loosen his tie, lean back in his chair and forget the Army at least for a time is what any man wants to be able to do; and to know that no inroads upon his privacy will be made by comtions they represent means a lot missioned officers and the regulato him.

If its is professional entertainment that is desired the soldier won't waste time looking for it in the P.X. Service Club. However there are any number of opportunities to join a first class "Bull session" and if a good source can be quoted about almost anything the reception to it will undoubtedly be better than any Elmer Davis ever got. If there must be entertainment the soldier makes it himself. More often than not he just sits and enjoys sitting.

If sitting proves boring to the soldier he may obtain a cue stick from the attendant in charge and try his hand at snooker, pool or billiards. always a pinochle game in session. post and he wishes to see the show Maybe he wants to go right on Club.



THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT at the Post Exchange Service club and there is never a slack in business as can be seen in the picture above.



COMING UP!! And Private Elwood F. Kueny, grill attendant at the Post Exchange Service Chub serves with a smile.

In between hands, it is only a mat- makes a date with "buddy" to met

ter of a few steps to the candy at the Post Theater-he usually counter or hamburger grill for re- makes a date with a "buddy" to meet freshments and not a thing is missed. him at the P.X. or sees a friend If that seems too strenuous there is Maybe its the soldier's night on the there who finds the idea agreeable.

shooting pool or playing cards. No one will bother him until closing time at 10:30 p.m. and he is free to do as he pleases.

The service club doesn't limit its facilities to the evening hours only. It opens at noon daily, just in time to get in that 'post-lunch' siesta. Some of the more popular practices of the siesta at the service club have it down to a science and a visitor to the club can see the enlisted men relaxing in the various positions common to this species. Of course, each man has his own particular chair all picked out and daily one can hear the irate scream of the 'regular' when he finds a new devotee planted firmly in his favorite chair. Some of the siesta seekers lacking the courage to move someone from the favored spot go trudging off wearily looking for another chair in which to sprawl overworked bones.

There is the boisterous soldier who comes bursting through the door challengeing the world at large to a game of snooker. This type is full of vim, vigor and vitamins and makes a great to do about selecting a cue and racking the balls. Comes the "break" and the game is on. Laughter gives way to the serious situation of making the 4 ball without "scratching" and the black looks of concentration does away with the smile. Often more time is spent bickering as to whose "shot" it is than in playing but a good time is had by all-each doing and saying what he pleases-that's what counts.

In the meantime a pinochle game is in progress amidst much slapping of cards on the table and suddenly the "hand" is over. The participants are quiet as they count their points and the kibitzers, always three to every player, are tensely awaiting the decision . . . and then the critique is on. "How come you trumped my ten when you could have sloughed your king?"

In this manner, the hours go by and at 10:30 p.m. the enlisted attendants commense the task of sending the men on back to the barracks . . . and this always with cries of "last shot coming up," and "just one more hand of pinochle" . . . so that the club can be closed for the night. And another day has been made more interesting for the enlisted personnl at Letterman through the activities of the P.X.-Service

Women Warriors Want Tattoo, Too

George Burchett, London's bestknown tattoo artist, lives on Waterloo road. Trotting over famous Waterloo bridge every day little groups of London's equally famous service women from the WAAFs, WRENs and ATS arrive at Burchett's door and patiently line up to wait for his services.

Interviewed recently about his customers, Burchett, who for 40 years has decorated the epidermis of sailors and soldiers, professed himself pleased with the new market for his wares, but was still somewhat surprised. He remarked, with gentlemanly reserve: "I cannot explain the rush of service women to be tattooed. The only thing I can think of is that they have seen designs on their sweethearts and want to be like them.'

One stalwart Scotch lassie who called on Burchett was not content with the usual run of hearts, anchors and the other sentimental memorabilia of tattoo artistry. At the end of an hour's needling, "Scotland Forever" was emblazoned on her leg. Under it shone a picture of her Scottish Highlander.

-This World.

"YANKWIZ"

- 1. How many bones have you in your leg from the knee to the ankle?
- 2. Give within three pounds the weight of a black bear at the time it is born.
- 3. Is it possible for a man who never marries to be a groom?
- 4. A hammer, a drum and an anvil are all found in what part of the human body?
- 5. Why is it that when making a picture, actresses usually have to get up earlier than the actors?
- 6. Which would be more tender -a bite from a piece of meat that had been cut with the grain or across the grain?

Answer's to Bob Hawk's Yankwiz:

- 1. Two.
- 2. The common black bear weighs less than a pound when it is born.
- 3. Yes-a servant in charge of horses is a groom.
- 4. They are all found in the ear.
- 5. Because their make-up takes longer; usually they have to have their hair done every morning.
- 6. The bite that has been cut across the grain.



SMILES THAT ARE CATCHING Are in evidence as 1st Lieut. Ressa Jenkins, ANC (left) heroine of Bataan, former member of our staff, and 1st Lieut. Dorothy A. Grumann face the camera.

THIS YEAR'S CROP OF KISSES OR JUST A STRIKE IF BATTER MISSES

By Sgt. Frank De Blois

Major league managers are having their troubles these days. Some of them can't find nine good men to put on the field at one time. Others can't find nine men, good, bad, or just plain terrible.

Things got so bad recently that Frank Frisch, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, started working out around third. Frisch hadn't played for five years and he looked like Bernard Shaw diving for a celery stalk. But two Pittsburgh fans, weared to wartime economy, took the tolerant view as they sat in the stands and watched Frankie dive.

"Who's that guy?" one of them said. "Looks pretty good."

"Yeah," said the other one skep-"But can he go to his right?"

good ball players, connoisseurs of the sport have been looking around uneasily for someone they can call the rookie of the year. There's got to be a rookie of the year, they

Last year that pesky kid Pesky, of the Boston Red Sox, was generally picked as the best freshman in the business, although some people held out for Tex Hughson, Red Sox pitcher, or Johnny Beazley, Cardinal righthander and World Series hero, each of whom won 22 games. In 1941 the rookie of the year was Pistol Pete Reiser of Brooklyn, with nobody else even close. Pistol Pete, in his first full season in Dodger regalia, led the National league in batting, runs, hits, total bases and hot dogs consumed per nine-inning

of Brooklyn, who showed the experts more sparkle in the shortfield than they could find in a full case of Larry McPhail's best press coop champaigne.

This year's crop of kisses, as we have hinted, has been kind of skimpy. Most of the "rookies" who tottered into the big league training camps this past spring had to tuck their long white beards ino their jerseys to take a full cut at the ball. One of them was Al Simons, aged 40, and another one was Freddy Fitzsimmons, aged 41. Simmons hadn't had a bat in his hands for two years and fat Frederico made exactly one two-inning mound appearances in 1942. Nevertheless they are back in the saddle again and they're not doing badly at that. Other prize "rookie" grabs included 35-year-old Debs Garms, the ancient all-around man, and Dee C. Moore, 32-year-old handy andy, who used to catch for the Reds and now has come back to mow the infield grass in Brooklyn.

Most talked about member of the younger rookie generation this season is Jesse Flores, a sad faced Mexican potato farmer, who has won a basket of ball games for the Philadelphia Athletics.

Jimmy Wilson, for whose Chicago Cubs, Flores labored and lost briefly last autumn, can't understand Jesse's success. "All he's got is a dinky curve," Wilson said recently. This was good news to Amercian leaguers who have been swinging fruitlessly at Jesse's hooks for weeks, laboring under the impression that the kid was pretty good.

The Detroit Tigers have come up with a couple of good rookies, too. One is Dick Wakefield, who is an outfielder and a powerful hitter. While starring at the University of Michigan, Wakefield sold himself to the Tigers for \$50,000. The other is Joe Hoover, a shortstop. Hoover never went to college and he didn't sell himself for anything. But he's pretty good, too.

Over in the National League the prize rookie package is a fellow named Stanky, who plays second base for the Cubs. Stanky, whose name rhymes with hanky, was voted the most valuable minor league player last year when he hit .343 for Milwaukee. If he hits .343 for Chicago, Manager Jimmy Wilson will dance a Polish mazurka from Wrigley Field to the loop.

And that—as the man said when game. And way back in 1940 the he finished his five cent cigar-What with this great dearth of top freshman was Peewee Reese, also brings us to the end of this rope.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

HAPPINESS

Who is not interested in hapiness? And who would not care to hear what John Burroughs thought about the proper pursuit of that desired and desirable end?

"To be consciously and positively happy all the while—how vain to expect it! We cannot walk through life on mountain peaks. Both laughter and tears we know, but a safe remove from both is the average felicity

"When I see a man going up and down the country looking for a place to settle . . . I say, happy is the man whom circumstances take by the collar and set down without any choice on his part, and say to him, 'There, abide there, and earn thy bread there.' He is a free man then, paradoxical as it may seem—free to make the most of his opportunities without regret. He is not the victim of his own whims and follies

"What is the best thing for a stream? It is to keep moving. If it stops, it stagnates. So the best thing for a man is that which keeps his currents going—the physical, the moral, and the intellectual currents. Hence, the secret of happiness is—something to do.

"The fruit of the tree of life of which we must eat very sparingly is leisure. Too much of it and it turns to gall on our tongue. Rust and rot and mildew come to unused things."



A warm welcome is extended to 2nd Lt. Helen Wright, the newest addition to Letterman's Army Nurse Corps. Miss Wright, born and raised in Berkeley, California, attended University High School in Oakland. She was a student at the University of California for one year prior to entering professional training school at the University of California Hospital where she was graduated in December 1935. While in training she specialized in orthopedics and spent considerable time at the Shriners Hospital in San Francisco. After a period of two years on private duty, Lt. Wright accepted a position as medical secretary to a group of four doctors in San Francisco. Heretofore, the primary interests of Miss Wright have been centered around the small ranch located in Walnut Creek where spare moments were spent in gardening and beautifying the grounds, however, her one ambition now is to "see some action" overseas.

Congratulations are in order for 1st Lt. ALTA BENNGER, chief nurse, who was recently promoted to captain.

Also for ELIZABETH BREITUNG who was promoted to chief nurse. Good luck to you both. But this reporter is still wondering why Miss Breitung though she was in the "dog house." What has she been up to now???

We welcome to the nurses staff. 2nd Lt. HELEN CHRISTENSEN who was born in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Leaving there when a child, Miss Christensen moved to Merced, California with her family where she received her early education. Upon completion of high school work she entered St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco for nurses training, and later acted in the capacity of teaching supervisor at that hospital. Lt. Christensen is very proud of the fact that four members of her immediate family are now serving with the armed forces; one sister in the Army Nurse Corps and two brothers in service overseas. And she hopes her next orders will read "foreign service."



The Cookie Brigade taking pictures in the patio and they really gave away the cookies; real cake—not props.

The bond business balked while St. Sgt. HERBERT GOLDSTEIN battles a good case of nasopharyngitis.

Major JOSEPH S. McGUINNESS waving from the rear platform of a Tennessee bound train and anticipating that eight day leave with real relish.

Mrs. WADE WALLES—the former JANE WEBB—showing the bridal photos to her old associates in the S. and W. Office.

Mrs. ROSS MOREY—or perhaps better known as Miss HARRIET HAGLER—back from a honeymoon at Camp White and vicinity.

Corporal GORDON GUST here on a visit from Camp Roberts where he is not assigned to the Information Office.

Chaplain L. LANE McCAMMON on the bridle path Wednesday afternoon. We said bridle not bridal.

Pfc. JACK D. MURPHY having a strategic spot to meet the visitors on Ward C-2.

Pfc. TONY ESPOSITO, in working uniform, dropping in to encourage the current crop of patients from overseas.

Former Letterman Nurse Honored in Legion of Merit

2nd Lieut. Elma L. Aason, Army Nurse Corps, retired, has been awarded membership in the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious service" during and after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

Prior to her transfer to Hawaii Lieut. Aason was stationed at Letterman for one year and was again stationed here prior to her retirement from active service last year.

THE CHAPLAIN'S

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, June 27, 1943 In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Confessions before all Masses.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

VERSATILITY

The Army decided that something should be done about the stretcher situation. Difficulties in transporting the wounded over the rough terrain in North Africa and in the deep jungles of the Pacific had presented a serious problem.

Lieutenant Colonel Sidney Brigham, chief of military railways for the European theater of U. S. Army operations, went to work. After considerable study he developed a litter of unusual character. It was 6 feet by 22 inches in size, made in six equal sections, folded up like an accordion, and could be carried like a gas mask over the shoulder.

The new stretcher was versatile in its capacity. tI could be used as a hammock in ships or planes; also as a sling for unloading. It was possible to inflate the end section for a head rest, and, in emergency, the gadget could be put to service as a life jacket.

-This World.

LET THERE BE PEACE

MP's have ben issued a new standard "persuader" or "equalizer," known as Club, Police, M-1, according to Yank, the army weekly. It weighs 12½ ounces, is 0 inches long, and is made of ash, elm, birch, hickory, locust, maple, oak or beech.



Wallace A. Brurud. Richard D. Dills.



Pvt. David H. Davis

From the State of Idaho, known for its beauty and game and spuds (potatoes to you) comes Private David H. Davis, who steps into the limelight as Our Buck for the week.

Private Davis was born in the town of Bern, Idaho, on April 28, 1916. His family moved to Mountpelier, Idaho, shortly after his birth, and remained there until 1923. With the exception of a short twelve months stay in San Francisco in 1925, Montpelier has been home to Private Davis

Private Davis attended Mountpelier High School where he pursued a general course and also played on the football team for which activity he received a school letter. After completing high school in 1936, he attended the southern division of the University of Idaho where he first studied pharmacy. However, he was also editor of the college paper, and becoming very interested in this work, changed his major to printing. Finishing this course in 1939. Private Davis served his apprenticeship in different print shops during the next year.

In 1941 Private Davis purchased a weekly newspaper known as the South Cache Courier which he printed in Hyrum, Utah, until September 1st, 1942, when he was drafted into the army.

After his basic training at Fort Douglas, Utah, where he was put to work as a clerk in the shipping department, on February 7th he was sent to Letterman where he first did clerical work, and after a month he was sent to the Pharmacy school on the Post. When he completed this course, he was put in the Pharmacy and is at present working there.

BUCK OF THE WEEK OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION TELLS WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK IN WAR

On the same day that Pantelleria fell under the withering attacks of Africa-based Allied planes (June 11) four-motored bombers of the RAF the offensive over Germany. More than 200 planes took part in devastating raids on German submarine installations at Wilhemshaven and altitude, precision attacks against Cuxhaven.

Two days later, naval installations at Bremen were blasted. Photographs of the damage revealed at least a dozen hits on and around the Atlas Werke shipyards and a heavy concentration of bombs on other shipvards.

In the next few days British and American bombers dropped 5,250 tons of explosives within the Reich. a record-breaking performance.

Eleven Attacks on Germany

A recent summary issued by the War department showed that of 18 heavy bombardment missions by and USAAF broke a 12-day lull in U. S. planes against targets within Germany, 11 have been made since

> Engaged only in daylight, highenemy industrial centers, naval bases and war plants, the USAAF based in England flew approximately 1,600 sorties with 4-engine bombers against German targets.

> The 18 forays are shown to have been carried out at a cost of 106 American planes, while 571 German planes were shot down, 187 probably destroyed, and 231 damaged in aerial combat.

The first 7attacks by American (Continued on page eight)



MRS. ESTHER JANE WOLF

-modeling the new uniform being worn by the civilian employes of the San Francisco Medical Depot. It is royal blue in color, jacket cut on the lines of regulation army officer blouse, black bone buttons, and half inch gold braid service stripes for each six months of service. Skirt has pleat front and rear. Wearing of uniform is option but the C. O. is not displeased by the great number of his staff who turn up in

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. Ralph E. Gibson

Private First Class Ralph E. Gibson is our candidate this week for On The Spot. Private Gibson was born in Canton, North Carolina on September 6, 1920 and remained within the vicinity of this town until he joined the army.

He attended the local High School called Bethel High where he pursued a general commercial course. After graduating from Bethel he started to work as a pressman in a dry cleaning plant but left this job eight months later when he decided to try his hand in the military field. At first he tried to join the Army Air Corps but the quota had been reached at that time, and being eager to join the military forces Pvt. Gibson enlisted in the Infantry on January 15, 1940.

He was first sent to Fort Jackson, South Carolina where he was attached to an Infantry outfit that was undergoing maneuvers and remained in South Carolina for five months. From here his company returned to their home base at Cheyenne, Wyoming and left shortly thereafter for Oregon to spend the next five months. From Oregon he moved with his outfit to Alaska for a period of eighteen months, moving on north in January. His outfit contacted the enemy and later took possession of one of the strategic islands that the enemy had not yet occupied. One day while cleaning weapons, Private Gibson was accidently burned and consequently had to return to the States. He is now a patient on Ward

When asked how the boys were doing up in Alaska, he said that they were doing a grand job and, "It won't be long before they chase the "Sons of Heaven" back to a warmer climate."

Congratulations are in order for the following men: John D. Hurst, promoted to Technician Fourth-Grade: Julius Heintz, promoted to Technician Fifth-Grade.

Success to Frederick L. Jensen, Gale H. Reedy, Herman Gillman, Earl B. Heitt, Norman R. Miller, H. S. Markell, Norman L. Arnett, Mervyn R. Hamlin, Edward Hee, Angelo L. Leone, David M. Coleman and Royce D. Delmarter, who left to attend an Army Specialized Training Program.

Good luck to William (Willie) P. Williams, who left during the week. . . .

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/Sgt. Ernest L. Brensel giving T/4th Grade Edward Chilgren a three game handicap in horse shoes and still beating him four games. . . .

Sergeant Beuford E. Folsom rushing through work last Saturday night in order to attend the NCO dance which he says was "really worth attending."

Corporal Charles E. Hanley, formerly of the Police and Personnel, now working in the information office.

The enlisted men enjoying themselves at the regular monthly enlisted men's dance held last night in the Officers' Club. . . .

1st Sgt. Calvin Williams out of uniform during the last blackout. (tsk!! tsk!!)—and so late too!! . . .

The members of the Detachment anxiously looking forward another smoker and hoping there will be another one soon.

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S/Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West and T/4th Gr. Eugene H. Beals, managers of the Detachment and School softball teams, arguing the merits of their respective teams and with no money to bet.

Corporal Joseph Sansone back on his feet again since his bout with sinusitis. Good to see you well again, Joe.

BROWN ENAMEL "BROKEN" BARS NOW INSIGNIA FOR TWO EX NON-COMS



HERBERT L. LIGIER Warant Officer, Jr. Grade, A. U. S.

The results of the competitive examination held during the last week for new Warrant Officer. Junior Grade, aspirants were announced last Monday and former First Sergeant Charles W. Pike and Technical Sergeant Herbert L. Ligier were discharged for the convenince of the government to be accorded the honor of wearing the enameled bars of Warrant Officers, J. G. Chosen by an examining board of five officers Mister Pike and Mr. Ligier were picked from a group of eight hopefuls to fill the vacancies created when William R. Moody relinguished his title of Warrant Officer, J. G. in favor of 1st Lieutenant, M. A. C. and Mr. Clyde W. Lester was transferred to a new post for assignment. The oath was administered by Major Leslie D. Snyder, M. A. C., to Mr. Pike and by Lieutenant Bernard D. Ozehoski, M. A. C., to Mr. Ligier.

Both Warrant Officers have completed several years service in the Army, all in the Medical Corps, and in the case of Mr. Ligier his service has been all at Letterman Hospital since his enlistment into the Army.

Mr. Pike is a native of the state of Maine, having been born January 26, 1914 in the town of Jay. He lived there for eighteen years, graduating from the local high school before joining the Army on November 15, 1932. His initial enlistment in the Army took place at Portland, Maine and was for Foreign Service in the Medical Corps. This service was performed in the Hawaiian Is-



CHARLES W. PIKE Warrant Officer, Jr. Grade, A. U. S.

tour, Fitzsimons General Hosiptal. Denver, Colorado, became his next place of assignment and he served there until 1939.

After returning for a short time to civilian life he relinquished all ties with it to reenlist again at Fitzsimons Hospital. From Fitzsimons he effected transfer to Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington, and later, in the same year-1942-he again transferred, this time to Letterman.

A married man, the Pikes have three children, all boys; and during his leisure time after hours, if a Warrant Officer can be said to have any leisure time, Mister Pike can be found at home in the now old role of husband and father.

Mr. Ligier was born in Chicago, Illinois, and lived there until his enlistment into the Army. He was graduated from Roosevelt High School of that city and later attended the University of Illinois at Urbana. Illinois. His enlistment into the Army took place at Fort MacArthur, California, on December 23, 1939. and he was assigned to Letterman Hospital immediately after his enlistment.

An avid Contract Bridge player. Mr. Ligier has established quite a state and city reputation for his card playing. Many tournament scorings have listed his name at the top for honors in this game, and it is only natural to assume that it ranks on top with the new Mister in his afterhour activities.

lands. At the completion of this the psychopatic department where charge of Detachment of Patients.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Athletics Come to SSS . . .

With the forming of softball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, and swimming teams, the School is rushing into an intensive Athletic Program that is deemed will not only give the students an opportunity for exercise but competitive sport as well. With the Non-Comms acting as managers for the various teams. there is expected to be a continuous program of competition among the individual schools.

Feeling that Technician 5th Grade Rex LaFrenier should not steal the proverbial spotlight in LGH Surgery, Corporal Henry O. Pezzella and Technician 4th Grade Donald Farling joined him this week, "Hank" is up and about and will be able to "carry on" as usual. While La-Frenier and Don are still recuperating, the Detachment wishes them good luck.

Happy . . . but looking the worse for wear, Technician 4th Grade George Hopple, company clerk, returned from a three-day pass immediately following his wife's arrival from the East. And now his so-called bachelor days are over again for a while.

Tripping again are Technician 4th Grade Bruce E. Sloan and Corporal Walter Pulling. Walt to spend a belated honeymoon with his bride, and Sloan to receive THAT final answer, perhaps!! Here's hoping . . .

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SEEN ABOUT THE CAMPUS . . .

Weekend guests from the ASTP School at Palo Alto were S/Sgts. Wendell Waite and Ben. Shedoudy, along with Tech. 5th Grade Markel. We wonder if it can REALLY be THAT hard . . .

Letterman have been executed at he ranked as Non Commissioned Officer in Charge, has been assigned to the Medical Branch here. Mr. Pike, his activities having encompassed the Detachment Supply as NCO in charge and as First Sergeant of the Detachment of Patients at the hospital here, has been assigned as Mr. Ligier whose past duties at Assistant Comamnding Officer in

Q. M. NEWS



Major Oscar Speed puts more than his heart in his tennis games. Last week at a match with Capt. LaVern Baldwin, he sprained his leg so badly that the injury "downed him" for two days. The Major said of himself, when he tried to outpoint the Captain, "There's no fool like an old fool."

It looks as if Herman Frash has been on the receiving end of a flying frying pan! Wonder how that gash in his forehead got there?

Pvt. Roscoe Van Dolah recently began a 30 day furlough after spending three long months in the hospital fighting for his life. Pvt. Van Dolah suffered a bad siege of Flu. He is still very weak, and we all wish him the very best of luck for a speedy and complete recovery.

The bottle we found in T/5 Thomas Howell's hip pocket was not what we thought it was. His fellow workers at the Print Shop say that "Fuller Brush Howell" always keeps his special hair restorer on hand.

Fathers' Day was a big event for our QM fathers. They are wearing their new socks, smoking streamlined pipes and still bragging about the "kids."

The Stork Was Here

To Cant. John J. and Mrs. Easton, a son, John J. Jr., born June 16, weight 7 pounds 2 ounces.

To Sgt. Newton M. and Mrs. Bogges, a boy, Newton Edward, born June 17, weight 3 pounds, 2½ ounces.

To 1st Lt., Clarence E. and Mrs. McCoy, a boy, William Lee, born June 17, weight 6 pounds 1 ounce.

To Capt. Carl W. and Mrs. Woodman, a girl, Mary Lee, born June 18, weight 6 pounds 4 ounces.

To Capt. Donald E. and Mrs. Moore, a girl, Susan Joan, born June 21, weight 6 pounds 1½ ounces.

To 1st Lt. Ralph and Mrs. Karlsruher, a girl, born June 22, weight 7 pounds 4½ ounces.

OUR NEW HAMMOND ELECTRIC ORGAN FOUND ITS MASTER WAITING HERE



FILBERT J. QUIROZ
Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Corps.

During the past week "something new" was added to the Letterman Chapel, a brand new electric Hammond organ; and as Letterman organist—in addition to his other duties—Technician Fourth Grade Filbert G. Quiroz welcomed this new fixture with open arms. A lifetime of learning has been, spent by the sergeant in the study of the organ and piano, and the new organ meant but one thing to him—the opportunity to continue his study of music and still serve Uncle Sam as ward master of Ward 4.

Sergeant Quiroz's musical training dates back to 1917, when during his early schooling at the All Souls School, Alhambra, California, the sisters of the school gave him his first piano lessons. These lessons were continued until his family moved to San Juan Capistrano, California, and he continued on with his studies at the local high school in that town. His activities in the music field included participation as pianist with the school orchestra and

glee club. Also his first organ lessons were taken at the Mission Capistrano and he was soon playing the organ for church services there.

When Sergeant Quiroz completed school, his family moved to Pomona, California and he continued his studies there, also working as a cook when he was not playing for some social function. He was also organist and choir leader at St. Joseph's Church in Pomona.

The draft took the sergeant on March 3, 1942, and his time since has been spent here at Letterman as a ward attendant.

"Some people just don't like the electric organ," Sergeant Quiroz said, turning and speaking over his shoulder while playing the organ, "they say the music is too jerky—but I believe it is because it is not played correctly.

"Notice how smoothly these tones blend? It is really a beautiful instrument," and he finished the music he was playing and started thumbing through a music score for another piece to play. 717 TH

Every man in the organization is looking forward to the big surprise that is scheduled to occur in the next three weeks. What the surprise is—or what it will be, has aroused the curiosity of the entire group. Just to whet the imagination, we could say that it could be any one of three things:—A nice little trip—two or three thousand miles—A few of those perfect hikes, or one of those ultra entertainments. (Who knows?)

CORRECTION!!! The company dance was given at the company mess hall and not at the USO as was stated in last week's article.

The commendation received by the company from Commanding General Weed has inspired the various little and baggage squads with so much zeal that we would not be surprised to hear that the men were asking for extra duty any day now.

Privates James Crouch, Arthur Judkins and Roy C. Lee, all former members of the 717th, send words of greetings and best wishes to their buddies and wish all well and good tidings.

These men are to be commended for their alertness and all-around ability: Private Robert Gault, Floyd Hunter, Richard Rogers, Lawrence Brown, Will A. Bragg, Pleasant Fractious, Massie B. Thompson, Mack Ingram, Leonard Logan, Edward L. Wrice and Thomas E. Jackson. (Nice work, boys).

Our bouquet this week goes to S/Sgt. Ira N. Taylor, a native of New Mexico. He is ambitious, dependable, a thorough army man and a doer of deeds. He believes that every soldier has a definite part to play and tries to help each man fit into the army scheme of things. (A good soldier.)

THINGS WORTH WALKING MILES TO SEE: Pvt. Ambrose Jackson's smile when he learned that his wife would soon arrive . . . 1st Sgt. Austin and wife doing exhibition and stage dancing . . . Privates George Redix and Curtis Howard impressing the new men with their business ability at the company PX . . . The open Forum meeting of the men discussing the merits, pro and con, of cold deck poker . . .

MORE ABOUT THIS WEEK OF WAR

(Continued from page five)

bombers against Germany were made in the period of January 27, 1943, through April 17, 1943. United States losses for these missions totaled 40 planes, while 224 German planes were shot down, 78 probably were destroyed and 77 damaged.

In the 8 days of May 14 through May 21, 7 more attacks were made, with American losses totaling 32 planes and German losses 243 shot down, 69 probably destroyed and 116 damaged.

Attacks against Wilhelmshaven, Cushaven, Bremen and Kiel cost 34 American planes, with German losses placed initially at 104 planes destroyed, 40 probably destroyed and 38 damaged.

Precision Bombing of Pantelleria

According to Secretary of War Stimson, Allied conquest of the four Italian "nuisance" islands netted approximately 16,000 Axis prisoners, won at the cost of about 40 airmen and a few planes.

Stimson said these operations demonstrated the value of concentrated air power and compared the Allied capture of Pantelleria with the Axis failure to take Malta during a three-year seige in which the enemy enjoyed overwhelming air superiority.

While Malta's defenses were probably stronger, Stimson said, the principle reason why Pantelleria fell and Malta held was the manner in which the air attacks were made.

"German and Italian assaults on Malta were sporadic and inaccurate," he said. "Our attacks on Pantelleria were heavy and continuous. Hits on military targets were scored with mathematical precision."

Praising Allied air power Stimson added, "just as our airplanes and pilots have excelled, now it appears our tactical and strategical employment of air power is superior to the Italians and German."

Three days after the surrender of Pantelleria, British Wellington bombers opened the intensified aerial pounding of Sicily with attacks on the Bocca di Falco, Castelvetrano, Sciacca and Borizzo airdromes.

Submarine Production Satisfactory

A more optimistic report on Allied submarine strength was issued last week as Secretary of Navy Knox announced that American submarine production "is very satisfactory."

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

It ihas been said that a chain is as strong as it's weakest link. This theory has not only been verified but even enlarged upon right here at Letterman. Each department, no matter the number employed therein, is an integral part of this entire organization and the activity, or in the case of the War Bond Campaign, the inactivity of each department reflects on the standing of this organization as a whole. There are departments whose members are 100 per cent behind the War Bond Campaign, but they are a very small minority. For the most part, the personenl here is investing less than 10 per cent or not buying War Bonds at all. All of the efforts of our 100 per cent departments are neutralized by the inactivity of the majority. As a result, this Hospital is sixth in place, just one place out of the cellar.

Now, don't misunderstand. This War Bond Campaign was not designed to glorify Letterman General Hospital. Its purpose is so obvious and so vital that to elucidate on the subject would fill volumes. Our efforts in this campaign, however, are reflected in our standing and it is for this reason that we want to see Letterman at the top. We want everyone to know that the Civilian employees of the Hospital are 100 per cent behind our young men and women in uniform, and that they are not only backing them up today, but are also preparing for the future.



LIBRARY-BOOK BINDERY DEPARTMENT
is the last group of civilian employees at Letterman Hospital
to win the Treasury Department war bond campaign "T"
banner. Those who have subscribed ten per cent or more are:
L. to R.: Mrs. Dian Carter, Mrs. Myrtle Wickersheimer, Mr.
Gus Teves, Mrs. Mary Williams and Miss Camile Holt.

Byington Electric Beat Medics with Two-Game Win at Bagdad

One game out of three was all the Letterman Bowling team could win against the hard hitting Byington Electric Team in the 890 classic league held at the Bagdad Alleys Tuesday night. The one game taken by the Medics was due chiefly to bowling of Corporal Frank Marano in the last game with which he was high man for both teams.

The electric team was undoubtedly the toughest competition the Medics have faced in this league, and from the first game the issue was never much in doubt as to the ultimate winner of the series.

Three six hundred series were bowled among these two teams with the Electrical boys accounting for two of them and Poli, Medic substitute getting the other. Two near six hundred series were also bowled—one for each team—and Roy Sauy led his team with his strike getting and missed a six hundred by only six pins.

High men for the night were Roy Scott with a 645 triple and followed closely by Glen Leniham with a 641 triple, for the Electricians and Pete Poli came through with a high series of 608 followed by Sgt. Kuntz with a 577 triple for the losers. Poli battered his score by three pins over last week series.

Next week in the place of Sgt. Wilcox who will be shelved because of 'business reasons,' Anthony Rizzo, a 190 average bowler who rolled the ball for a 621 series last night when he bowled for the Reliance Trailers will take over to assist the Medics.

The results of last nights series

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Dahl	173	157	174-504
Scott	215	268	162-645
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Davis	166	127	159-	-452
Marano	140	179	215-	-524
Kuntz	191	193	193-	-577
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Leading Soprano of Mexico Entertains LGH Patients

Senora Mercedes Caraza, one of Mexico's leading sopranos, paid a visit to Letterman Hospital last Tuesday as a part of a good-will tour of San Francisco and the city's military establishments. The visit was under the sponsorship of the Mexican Office of Defense.

Presented to Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, commanding general at Letterman, Senora Caraza was escorted to the recreation center, and, in company of the cast from the light opera "The Firefly" presented an hour of musical entertainment for the patients. Her repertoire included Spanish classical selections and American and Mexican patriotic and folk songs.

Senora Caraza arrived in San Francisco from a tour of the East, Midwest, and Texas, where she has appeared nearly seventy times for American troops. At all posts her concerts have been enthusiastically received. Her tour continued through Friday and included other military and naval hospitals and camps in the Bay Area, in addition to her visit to Letterman.

Cooperating in her entertainment program were the Mexican consul general in San Francisco, Antonio Schmidt, the Twelfth Naval District, the Western Defense Command, and the Fourth Army, the commanding officer of the Presidio of San Francisco the co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs and San Francisco city officials.



SENORA MERCEDES CARAZA

Mexican lyric soprano is introduced to Brig. Gen. Frank W.

Weed, Commanding General at Letterman Hospital.

The Old Foghorn Is Now a Grandfather: Wants All To Know

The FOGHORN has the unusual distinction of becoming a grand-father in the second year of its life and the little lady who brought this honor to our paper is Eve Allison Willey who arrived at St. Francis Hospital early on the morning of June 25th.

Like all grandparents, the FOG-HORN reluctantly shares its joy over the birth of the grandchild with the parents, Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Rosco J. Willey, who met while on the staff of the paper and carried on a courtship between editions without a word of the romance ever getting into print. A total absence of the usual indications that the young people were "that way" culminated when the sergeant let the editor in on the secret and gave him a scoop on the story.

That was in keeping with the best traditions of the newspaper profession as Sergeant Willey had been with the FOGHORN since its inception and had worked on dummy after dummy before the final layout had been approved. Mrs. Willey later sat at the copy desk and prepared the copy for the printer, in addition to writing special features from time to time. It goes without saying that Eve will be brought up on printer's ink, though she inherits her mother's dislike for cuspidors. Eve Allison may also lay claim to a normal set of grandparents in the persons of Dr. and Mrs. Ross Tolmon Willey of Salt Lake, Utah, and Mr. and Mrs. James Andrew Williams of Oakland, California.

Space already has been reserved in our columns for the first portrait of our grandchild.

LOS GATOS SCHOOL TRAINING GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

One of four distinct and independent organizations established in the United States to aid in the rehabilitation of the blind and provide dogs as "eyes" for the blind, the "Guide Dogs for The Blind" is one of the newer schools with headquarters and school in the vicinity of the bay area. Though each one of the four groups operates independently of the other the purpose of all at this time is the same, fundamentally, and is expressed in the resolution of the "Seeing Eye Organization," the first such organization established in the United States. It reads: "-Seeving Eye will, at no expense to the federal government, endeavor to provide Seeing Eye dog guides for eligible persons, who as members of the armed forces of the United States have lost their sight in line of duty.' The Guide Dogs for The Blind Organization goes even further—to include general civilian and industrial cases as well as military cases.

There are already many newly blinded, and undoubtedly when the toll of the present conflict is added up there will be many more. Northern California had hitherto no guide dog school to meet the demand of these blinded persons, and as the medical profession can only concern itself with the physical rehabilitation of the military and civilian wounded, due to the ever increasing demands made upon its services, it became necessary that some agency take over the work of supplying the exacting needs of these new blind. The Guide Dogs for the Blind was the result.

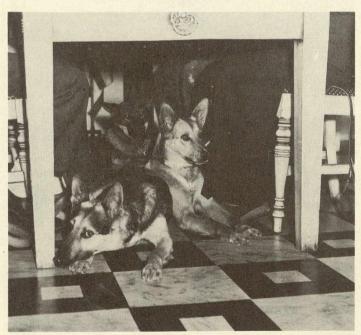
A non-profit organization, it was incorporated under the laws of the State of California and the City and County of San Francisco last year. Offices of the organization are in the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco and a school was established at Los Gatos, California where the climate and adaptability of the property provide excellent terrain for the training of the guide dog and the blind students who go there for study and help and to receive instructions in the proper use of the dog.

Rehabilitation of the blind through guide dogs has proved an undeniable success. It means that the whole picture of life can again become interesting for a blinded person, and there need no longer be despondency of a "life of darkness."



GUIDE DOG TRAINERS AT WORK

Long hours of patient training are given every dog before it is turned out to serve as eyes for the blind. Above are two dogs under instruction and shown waiting at curb until it is safe to cross street.



GUIDE DOGS AT EASE

Under dining table while their sightless masters are taking meals. As many as sixteen of these guide dogs have been under one table at the same time with never as much a a low growl to be heard. The dogs are trained to live in amity with man and beast.

Through the dog, there is a renewed independence, a regained mental freedom and a chance once more to take a useful place in the world; and for the first time, industry recognizes leader dogs as aids to war production. England has long been rehabilitating her newly blind by placing the veterans back into useful work and living.

Instead of becoming a burden on family or, worse still obliged to remain in some institution, a man deprived of sight, with the help of his dog, finds many opportunities of entering into business. While the feeling of many persons who have been blinded is "I'd rather be dead than be blind," the training and guidance extended them has resulted in a rehabilitation and return to a happy social life as well as to a definite place in the economic sphere of life.

The average adult who has lost his sight goes through a treacherous adjustment period. This is the rule, not the exception. This period may extend, in some instances, up to four years, and is one of the reasons for the founding of the Guide Dogs for The Blind. With the aid of a guide or leader dog, this period of adjustment has been reduced from one year, as the rule, to four months. This is itself an important part of the adjustment for a newly blinded soldier, sailor or marine, as well as both men and women in war industry, for it lifts the blinded immediately from stagnation to inspired activity.

In the entire 16 years of guide dog progress in the United States there are only about 1,000 guide dogs in use. This has been due to the fact that there are only ten qualified guide dog trainers in the United States. Each trainer is capable of producing, with assistance, from 20 to 24 dog-blind units annually. This would indicate the extreme need for this guide dog school, to concern itself primarily with the needs of the military and industrial blind, persons who want to work, but who are without a leader dog to get them to their work.

To train a dog takes a matter of four months and dogs are first selected from pounds and individuals. The average run-of-thestreet shepherd or police dog has instinctive shepherd traits and is

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MORE ABOUT LOS GATOS SCHOOL

(Continued from page two) more adaptable to guide dog training. The female of the species is preferable to the male and is not released to the blind before they are one year to eighteen months of age.

The aims and purposes of the Guide Dogs for The Blind Organization are five in number and include: To aid and assist blind persons through the use of trained dogs; To give these dogs to applicants passed by the board for the sum of one dollar each: To train and foster the training of dogs for the use and assistance of the blind: To train persons to become trainers of dogs; To teach and train blind persons to use dogs.

The use of the dog as an aid for the blind was first introduced in America in 1928. From Switzerland Mr. Morris Frank brought his German shepherd to New York and proved that American street traffic could not baffle the expert animal. Mr. Elliott S. Humphrey, who trained Mr. Frank's dog started the training program for the Seeing Eve Organization and thus was the first organization started. Since that Mr. Humphrey is now employed by the Army to train dogs for its use.

From the more than one thousand persons who have been trained to relp upon the intelligence and skill of the trained dog to lead them through life, many have used their second and third dogs . . . the life span of the animals being relatively short. And out of those one thousand persons many have completed a normal successful rehabilitation and are conducting happy livesearning livings as lawyers, ministers, journalists, musicians, beekeepers, electrical and radio engineers, teachers, pharmacists, salesmen, undertakers and factory workers in war industries. Naturally when the animal plays such an important part in the individual's life the organizations who have made the rehabilitation possible try and guarantee not to let slip back into dogless darkness anyone whom a guide dog has once set free because his 'eve' dies.

The need for the rehabilitation of the blind was realized at an early date in England, and since the advent of the war has been accentuated. The special technique and experience employed by St. Dunstan's Hospital in that country has been commendable and American



HENRY BUSSE

and his orchestra missed a beat at the Palace Hotel last week when they took time off to play for the patients in the patio at Letterman Hospital. Blonde Betty Brownell dig the solo honors for the band.



To Cpl. and Mrs. Anton Laumann, a daughter. Lenore Larraine Laumann, born June 23, 1943, weight eight pounds two and one-half ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Lenvil Freeman, a daughter, Patsy Gene, born June 25, 1943, weight eight pounds, six and three-fourth ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Vincent Grasso, a daughter, Jeanne Ann Grasso, born June 26, 1943, weight six pounds, fifteen and one-half ounces.

organizations are employing that experience and technique in the course of study for blind students here. Many special services such as reading, letter-writing, and early lessons in independence are also given the students to help their rehabilitation when they have received their "new eyes" and are once again ready to take their place in the world.

BOB BURNS WHO BOOS THROUGH HIS BAZOOKA IS NO BOMBARDIER

Tall-tale-telling Bob Burns, NBC around to see if you get dizzy easy. comedian, and inventor of the famed "Bazooka" which provides the name for the new secret tank-smasher, here relates his alleged experiences in an Air Force recruiting office. Aside from the fact that Robin is over draft age, and you can't enlist any more, and nobody just goes right into the Transport Command, the article's okay. It's good for a laugh, anyway.

"Somebody told me that gettin' into the Air Transport Command was just like borrowin' money from a finance company—that is, no delay, no co-signers, and no payments for thirty days. But when I went down to the recruitin' office, and out in ly he nosed right straight down with front you probably know what it his engines going and he was spinhas Uncle Sam sayin', too, but I swear to goodness, when Uncle Sam looked at me, those letters on the sign switched around and it said, "Uncle Sam needs you?"

I was discouraged, but I went on in and they put me in one of those all my past life flashed in front of whirligig chairs that they spin

Well, when they stopped the chair, and took off my blindfold, I saluted the nurse, kissed the captain and walked through an open window.

Well, they took me up in a plane. anyhow, just to see how it would affect me, and after we got way up there I noticed he had a parachute pack on and I didn't have any. So I leaned over and rapped him on the shoulder and asked him, 'How come you have a parachute on and they didn't give me one?' So he turned around just as he detoured for a cloud and said to me, 'My country needs me!'

He kept on going up and suddenning down just as fast as he could go. We certainly was going pretty fast. I declare I though I was agoin' to die, and I had the same feelin', the same experience that a drownin' person gets. You know,

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THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

GOLDEN SILENCE

In the early days of the war we heard on all sides the admonition to keep a strict silence on all matters of military nature coming to our knowledge in the performance of our routine duties.

It may be said that almost everyone kept in mind the warning that the enemy might be listening everywhere, with the result that most of us were reluctant to discuss such matters even in our own company.

With the apparent turn of the tide of battle in our favor there was a slackening in the general alert which had become a habit in the days when the enemy was having his way on land and on the sea and in the sky.

In the recent past circumstances have put us in a position to learn very much of an important mission which culminated in the success of our arms. Steps taken in preparation for that objective were not intended for that one task and with proper safeguards might continue to crown our efforts with success.

The duty of maintaining those safeguards falls on all concerned—patients and personnel-and there should be an end to the free discussion of what has come to us in the performance of our official routine. We have heard that a "Slip of the lip may sink a ship" and no one wants to live in the memory of an idle word



Miss Dorothy V. Ravens, an attractive Brunette, has recently joined Dorothy Baum—giving out seventyour Army Nurse Corps. Miss Ravens attended Samuel Merritt Hospital in Oakland, California, graduating in 1940. Following this she spent one year in surgery at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisianna. She now comes from Fort Benning, Georgia, where she served for ten

After a long, tedious trip during which her train was detoured several times, due to the severe floods in Kansas and the middle west, Miss Ravens arrived June 22nd to take up her duties at Letterman. We welcome Miss Ravens.

Another addition to our staff of nurses is Mildred Wolff. Miss Wolff was born in Bird Island, Minnesota, February 17, 1921. She graduated from High School at Hector, Minnesota, and received her training at St. Barnabas Hospital at Minneapolis. She comes to us from service at the Good Samaritan Hospital of Los Angeles. She began her duties at Letterman June 28th.

Miss Wolff is the out-door type, clear skinned and wholesome lookink-likes hiking and bowling-but she has another side, one that enjoys music, symphonies being her especial delight.

MORE ABOUT BOB BURNS

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my eyes, it was so interestin' that I shouted to the pilot. I said 'Go on up there and dive again." he did and after we had done that eight times, I shouted at him again. I said, "You can stop now. This is where I come in!"

which spurred a busy enemy to gain advantage.

Silence is golden and gold is still one of the world's most precious metals.

Your silence is precious too.



Ninety-six cents out of every dollar goes for War expenditures. The other four

For Freedom's Sake usual."

cents goes for Government expenses "as



The Letterman "Sweater Girl"eight garments of that type in two days this week.

The new sleeping accommodations for the officer on Black Out Watch. The man on the "Flying Trapeze" was a lot safer at all times.

Fifty-five members of the "Firefly" company putting on an excellent show in the Recreation Center.

Pvt. Basil Cleland once again out in the patio and able to enjoy the balmy air of San Francisco after his long siege on Ward C-1.

Sgt. Herman Gai looking longingly at Oakland and wondering why so many things happen to him.

Lieut. "Bill" Riley staging a come back and now the life of the party -if any-on Ward "G."

Miss Vena Ewing, of the Recreation staff, in the market for a Tom Thumb piano.

Sgt. Herbert Goldstein booming the bond business on bouncing back to duty.

Colonel Martin F. Du Frenne, all the way from Washington, looking on Letterman for the first time. No one ever calls him "Martin"-he is "Duke" to the army.

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Syracuse, N. Y. (CNS)—Ersatz (synthetic) dog license tags, made of soy beans have turned out to be delicious eating from the pooch's point of view.

Trenton, N. J. (CNS)—A big, burly bulldog sauntered into a grocery store, made a beeline for the meat counter, snatched a 4pound round steak and scrammed a lot faster than he entered. A nearby cop said, "That's more nearby cop said, "That's meat than I've had in weeks."

Laff of the Week-

Camp Tyson, Tenn. (CNS)—Cpl. William D. Herron got his barracks bag mixed up with that of a WAAC. He was the object of much laughter as he pulled out G.I. brassieres, slips, panties and nighties when he unpacked at his destination.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, July 4, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Confessions before all Masses.

Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Colonel Rowan to be Honored Once More **By Cuban People**

The late Colonel Andrew S. Rowan, the man who "Carried the message to Garcia," is to be honored once again by the Republic of Cuba for his part in the war which resulted in their liberation from the yoke of Spain almost half a century ago.

On July 4th there will be unveiled a bronze bust of Colonel Rowan with appropriate ceremonies on the site of the new monument in Military Plaza in the city of Havana. The marble base supporting the bronze is the personal gift of the President of Cuba.

The voice of Mrs. Andrew S. Rowan will be heard on a broadcast of the ceremonies from a radio station in Havana.

AT POST THEATER MOVING PICTURES

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 6 and 7:

TWO WEEKS TO LIVE-Lem and Abner and Franklin Pangborn. Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday,

July 8 and 9:

THE MORE THE MERRIER-Jean Arthur and Joel McCrea. Also Short Subjects.

Saturday and Sunday,

July 10 and 11:

HITLER'S CHILDREN - Bonita Granville and Tim Holt. Also Short Subjects.

Activities Schedule

Activities scheduled for the Recreation Center:

SATUPDAY, July 3:

2:00 PARTY.

2:00 GAMES AND MUSIC. SUNDAY, July 4:

BUCK OF THE WEEK



PVT. FORREST CHRISTY

"Now you see it—now you don't" was the feeling Private Forrest Christy, Buck of the Week, had when he was on the verge of receiving his high school graduation certificate only to learn that through his own laxness the Army had first claim on his time and he was on his way to war.

When Pvt. Christy had his eighteenth birthday he neglected to apply for deferrment from his draft board until he had graduated from high school. Consequently on April 5, 1943 he reported to the Army at Lodi, California and was sent to Monterey, California for basic training before reporting for duty at Letterman. He is on duty on Ward O-1 as assistant to the ward master.

Born at Stockton, California on September 2, 1924 he was raised in Lodi. It was the Lodi High School he was attending when he was drafted and here he was active in school sports and music. He played football during his Freshman year but was forced to retire from that sport due to injuries to his eye so he took up swimming and soon earned a regular starting position on the team. And during the summer months he was a shipfitter at the Woods Ship Yards in Stockton. Also his love for music was satisfied during this time as a sousaphone player in the school and town bands, and in collecting phonograph records of famous dance orchestras as a hobby. Another hobby was in working on old types of automobilesmainly to see how they were constructed and the principals involved in operation.

Pvt. Christy's story has a happy ending as far as the high school diploma is concerned. He learned that Uncle Sam is not such an ogre as he first imagined when he was given a special pass after he had reported to Letterman to go home and "graduate" with his class.

The award of the Order of the Purple Heart was conferred upon eighteen officers and men, patients at Letterman Hospital, last Wednesday afternoon by Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding General, Letterman Hospital, for wounds received in action against the enemy.

Those decorated were:

1st Lieut. **Phillip J. Ackley,** Inf. Pacific Palisades, Calif.

S/Sgt. Herman C. Schlueter, Inf. Indianola, Okla.

Sgt. **Robert J. Davis,** Engrs. Fargo, N. D.

T. 5 Elmer W. Coffman, Inf. Eldon, Mo.

Pfc. Robert E. Bolster, Inf. Manchester Center, Vt.

Pfc **Arthur S. Kawalkowski,** Inf. Chicago, III.

Pvt. **Merle E. Curless,** Inf. Vickery, Ohio

Pvt. **Robert W. Kilgore,** Inf. Los Angeles, Calif.

Pvt. **Edward H. Oehlerking,** Inf. Peoton, Ind.

1st Sgt. **Edward M. Hodge,** Inf. Ft. George Wright, Wash.

S/Sgt. Harold L. Stevens, Inf. Whitefish, Mont.

Cpl. **George C. Downs,** Inf. Ainsworth, Neb.

T/5 **Henry H. Dunn,** Engrs. Gadsden, Ala.

Pfc. Edwin T. Elliott, Inf. Detroit, Mich.

Pfc. Elmer Mattivi, Inf. Mulberry, Kans.

Pvt. William K. Gillaspy, Inf. Los Angeles, Calif.

Pvt. **Gary F. Melnick**, Engrs. Sheboygan, Wis.

Pvt. Anthony A. Sage, Inf. Detroit, Mich.

ON THE SPOT



PVT. ROY A. NORRIS

Private Roy A. Norris, born in Racine, Wisconsin, August 6, 1943, is this week's candidate for On The Spot.

Private Norris spent the first five years of his life in Racine. His family then moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the home of "The Beer That Made Milwaukee Famous," remaining there until the draft blew him into the armed forces. Here he attended grade school and played the saxaphone in the school orchestra. He also went to Bayview High where he took a business course, specializing in accounting. For two years, while in High he worked after school as a gas station attendant.

In June 1939, after completing school, Private Norris went with Sears, Roebuck & Company as shipping and receiving clerk. Two and a half years later he received a letter of "Greetings" from the Army.

He was inducted at Milwaukee August 7, 1942 and sent to the receiving center at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He was transferred to Camp Roberts, California and given his basic training with an infantry outfit. He ran into a streak of bad luck while at Camp Stoneman—an old wrist injury began bothering him—he no sooner had this healed when he broke one of his legs, consequently he has been in and out of hospitals ever since. He is now a patient in Ward D-1.

Before entering the army Pvt. Norris had two hobbies—one making different articles out of wood, othe other trying to see what he could do to improve the condition and appearance of his car. When the war is over his old job at Sears Roebuck will be waiting for him and he is looking forward to returning to his old life in Milwaukee.

Sock that pay where it'll sock the Axis. Buy War Bonds.

A welcome is extended Private First Class Ralph G. Steinkellner who joined the detachment during the week.

The best of luck to Private Peter J. Kandran and John D. Barrow who donned civilian clothes again.

Interesting to see:

Men in the detachment taking a sudden interest in surf fishing and most of them getting no fish and a good case of sunburn. Not T/4th G. Chris Gannon or Ross K. Laughlin-they never return empty handed.

Sgt. Eugene Rybach taking a rest from duty from the trains to report "No more ghost women for me."

The daily ball practice out by the detachment with Sergeants Joseph E. Mayer and Robert J. Bement catching everything but the ball. Quoting S/Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West-"Seven more good men like them on the team and anyone can beat us." Tsh! Tsh! No confidence, West.

S/Sgt. Wiley J. Dunn, Jr., promising to keep everything under control on a trip back east-or else Muscleman Dunn.

T/4th Gr. Anthony Rotkovichthe human exterminator-ridding the barracks of all life (human as well) everytime he enters with the blast furnace in his mouth he calls a pipe. Phew!! A curse on such an infernal machine.

A good time promised everyone at last week's enlisted men's dance and a good time had by all.

S/Sgt. George Norvelle off to Army Administration School. Good luck, George.

The Sgt. Beales-West baseball feud reports that Sgt. West is trying to talk his way out of the game -so Sgt. Beales reports-he says the detachment is afraid to play the school for fear of being beaten.

S/Sgt. Donald Allison up to his ears in plaster and nearly literally true.



Don't spend your pay in competition with your neighbors for scarce civilian goods. Save, America, and you will save America from black markets and runaway

inflation. Buy more Bonds every payday. How many bonds? Figure it out yourself.

LETTERMAN CHAPEL OWES A LOT TO ITS LOVELY FLOWER GIRL



KATHLEEN EILEEN O'CONNOR

2nd Lieutenant, Army Nurse Corps.

Worshippers in the Post Chapel settling on Phoenix as a place of during the past two months have residence. been generous in their praise of the floral decorations and it is felt they would like to know who is responsible for the added touch to the Sunday services.

We may now reveal that the young lady who has displayed such good taste and talent is 2nd Lieut. Kathleen Eileen O'Connor, of our Army Nurse Corps, and one of the Letterman staff.

The announcement could stop at the above paragraph but any newspaperman taking a glance at the name of Kathleen O'Connor should sense there would be a lot more

Imprimis, the young lady is Irish by way of Chicago where she was born just a little over a score of years ago. All of her schooling was had in the Windy City prior to entering St. Joseph's School of Nursing for her professional training. After graduation she remained in Chicago as a member of the staff of Children's Memorial Hospital for a brief time before moving on to the wide-open spaces of Arizona and of Letterman.

Reading about the great demand for nurses in the armed forces, Kathleen Eileen mumbled her name to herself and then asked what she was doing in peaceful Phoenix when there was a big fight going on almost everywhere in the world. The O'Connors had been in every war everywhere since the days of Brian Boru and this was no time to turn pacificist. The Recruiting Nurse took one look into her sparkling black eyes and remarked: "You can say that again, Kathleen, sign here, and now let us hear you swear." Kathleen swore in the approved fashion for new members of the Army Nurse Corps and was given a ticket, not for breaking the law, but for transportation to Letterman.

Lieut. O'Connor reported for duty on February 10, 1943, and since that time has been for the most part on the surgical side of the hospital. Her particular chum is Lieut. Sally Hayes, who is not Polish, and their favorite song is "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

So now you know the flower girl

SPECIAL SERVICE

FURLOUGHS - a word almost dropped from our vocabulary-are beginning at the school-and we wonder if it can actually be true. Through a War Department order all graduating students are eligible for five glorious days at home, plus travelling time, before they are placed.

S/Sgt. Jason Hervin, photographer of cracked clavicules, or what have you, secured an eight day furlough recently to enjoy the "beauties" of Portland before journeying Texas

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Now it's Tech 4th Gr. Richard Herzog of Headquarters Office, who only recently supervised the Capsule Punchers in the Pharmacy School. Good luck to Richie at his new undertaking in the maze of orders and files of that office.

Cpl. Walter Pulling and Tech. 4th Gr. Bruce E. Sloan returned Wednesday from Detached Service and delays at home. Walt with his bride of a month, and Bruce with friends and relatives in our rival city to the South. Incidentally-did SHE say yes???

CAMPUS SHOTS

It's interesting to see that the battle scars on Tech 4th Gr. Frank Seaburn's face received from a runaway street car are . . . unquote.

S/Sgt. William L. Vanderwater suddenly turning grey-Could it be old age creeping up or just worry?

The School Area turned into a playground during off hours with Officers, Non-Comms. and Students limbering up for the contemplated 'Big Games."

The noticeable absence of S/Sgt. Benjamin Shedoudy since his acceptance for School in ASTP.

Congratulations are in order for Tech. 5th Gr. Hood who has been transferred to the Air Corps as an Air Cadet.

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The organization as a group unit has passed through the initial phases of army routine and has definitely become one of the integral parts of Letterman General Hospital. The nucleus, started many months ago, is now paying off dividends. This, of course, is just the beginning, and the high morale and spirit of the men is reflected in their duties.

S/Sgt. Edwin E. Parker, just back from a thirty-day furlough on which he visited both his mother and wife, has glowing praises for Las Cruces, New Mexico; El Paso, Texas and Old Mexico. He also spent some time with his old buddies at Fort Huachuca in Arizona.

These soldiers are doing all right for themselves on various details; they are Privates Emmett Jones, Howard R, Rainey, Golden Kizzee, Hub Williams, Willie Parist, Franklin Howard and Parist Holmes. (That's the old fight, boys.)

Privates Mack Campbell and Samuel Boyce, the inseparable twins, recently found out some of the intricacies of the law and the contrasts between civilian life and that of the army left them somewhat bewildered. They are very happy now to be back at the Post. (Tsk! tsk! Boys will be boys.)

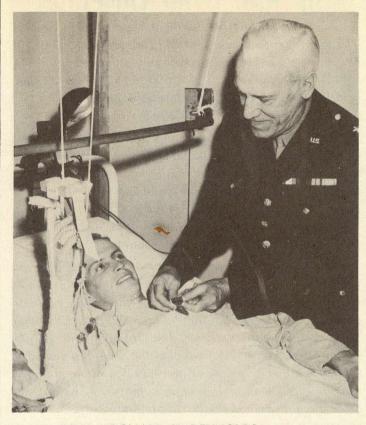
Corporal James E. Croom, a new man with the company, is fast winning the respect and admiration of his new buddies as he is versatile in many fields. He gave several of the boys lessons on the pool table as a starter.

The elimination contest in the fishing field struck a snag when Sgt. Eugene Williams, using his most precious possession (his whistle) as a sinker, proceeded to catch the largest fish of the season, to the utter disgust of S/Sgt. Willie E. Reid, who immediately threw his entire outfit in the briny deep and quit for the day.

Corporal Leonard Logan, a recent addition to the company, says 717th is one of the best companies he has been in since his induction into the army and is looking forward to many happy days.

The following men are convalesing Pvts. Charles Walker, Earl Banks, of Isaac Walton).

A SCORE OF JAPS WAS THE SCORE SET UP BY LIEUTENANT REYNOLDS



DONALD K. REYNOLDS

Second Lieutenant, Infantry, receives the Order of the Purple Heart award for wounds received in action from Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding General, Letterman Hospital.

"It was worth the effort to know he had been assigned, and of his that I accounted for at least 20 Japs before they were able to shoot me," said Lieutenant Donald K. Reynolds, Infantry, a patient on Ward B-1, while speaking of the battle at Attu, Alaska.

All of twenty-two years of age, Lieutenant Reynolds led the first platoon over the ship's side to attack the Japs in the sector to which

Thomas Cross, Henry Crossland, Cecil McCraney, Roy Welton, James York, Irvin Young, Albert Bennett, and Albert Draper. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Congratulations are in order for S/Sgt. Ira N. Taylor and wife on the birth of a seven pound son on June 23, 1943.

Sgt. George Hill is recovering at Letterman Hospital: S/gt. Edwin from a terrific shock. He actually E. Parker, S/Sgt. Harold C. Rich- caught ten fish and they were edible. mond, Sgt. Edward L. Wrice, T/5 He was so elated that he kept them Fred Williams, T/5 Lee R. Prince, on exhibition for four hours(shades

men only three fell to the fire of the enemy. A greater number, were incapacitated by the cold and wet of that country.

"When a man 'hit the dirt' to avoid enemy fire the soft tundra would give an inch or two and soon the depression would begin to fill with water. You can get some idea of how uncomfortably we slept and lived," he said.

For eleven days-and they were long days with the northern sun setting very late and rising very early-the Lieutenant led his menadvancing from one Jap fox-hole to another, killing the five or six occupants of each hole.

At one stage the platoon approached a trap the Japs set and it was here that the Lieutenant started his one-man blitz. He said that he was suspicious of the locality and ordered his men to halt. The fog was very dense and visibility about 35 yards. A sudden shift in the wounds dressed.

San Francisco Has A Birthday Party-167 Years Young

The 167th anniversary of the founding of the City of San Francisco was celebrated on Tuesday of this week at Mission Dolores at the site of the city's first settlement.

The observance of the anniversary opened with a Solemn Mass at which Most Rev. Thomas A. Connolly, auxiliary bishop of San Francisco, was the pontificating prelate. Following the services Major Grant Perkins laid a wreath on the tomb of the leader of the city's first settlers and the first commandant of the Presidio, Lieut. Jose Morago. Wreath's were also placed on the statue of Friar Junipero Serra, pioneer missionary, in the mission garden cemetery, and before the plaque honoring the memory of Father Francisco Palou, who accompanied the founders of the city.

The Hon. Angelo J. Rossi, mayor of San Francisco, placed the wreath on the statue of Fr. Serra, while Miss Teresa Guilfoyle, descendant of the first commander of the Presidio of Santa Barbara, Capt. Jose de la Guerra, placed the wreath beside the Palou plaque.

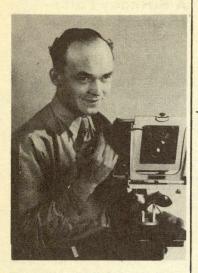
The tolling of the Angelus on the old Mission bells concluded the ceremonies which were sponsored by the San Francisco Historical Association.

wind lifted the fog for a few moments-and there was the enemy-"all laid out like ducks in a shooting gallery," he said, "and I got six with my carbine, and my men accounted for the rest before the fog lowered again."

In an attempt to wipe out a machine gun nest on elevated ground and flanked by snipers, nearly proved fatal for the Lieutenant. Stretched out prone on the ground to get a better line on the nest, he did not notice a sniper on his right who shot him twice; and then he lost consciousness. When he revived a little later and moved his leg in trying to get out of sight he was promptly shot twice again for his trouble; and in the meantime the artillery had been given the range of the nest and he managed to pick up a shell splinter, being all of 35 yards away from the machine gun nest, while "it was being shelled."

It had been a long, hard day for the Lieutenant before he was taken aboard ship that night and had his

Our Cameraman



WALTER B. CHAFFEE Private, Signal Corps

Private Walter B. Chaffee was born in Detroit, Michigan and attended school there. He has followed his chosen profession in every state of the union, with the exception of Washington and Oregon. Three years ago he came to California and took up his residence in the city of Fresno, where he opened up a photographic studio of his own. Sometime later he moved to San Francisco, accepting the position of assistant manager of the Austin Studios, 833 Market street.

Private Chaffee's extensive experience in the field of photography gave him entree into the Army Signal Corps, when he was ducted into the Armed Forces in November 1942. At the completion of his basic training he was assigned to the Signal Corps Photographic Laboratory, Ninth Service Command, Presidio of San Francisco. His work is quite varied in nature and scope. He is capable and well qualified to act in several capacities; he is an experienced retoucher; goes out on assignment detail; and in addition is the principal studio artist.

To quote Private Chaffee: "I am interested in all phases of photography, especially that which deals with color work. My goal? Always a perfect picture."

All of us who read the Fog Horn and enjoy its many splendid pictures will agree that Private Chaffee has certainly attained his ambition.

BE A BLOOD DONOR TODAY SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW

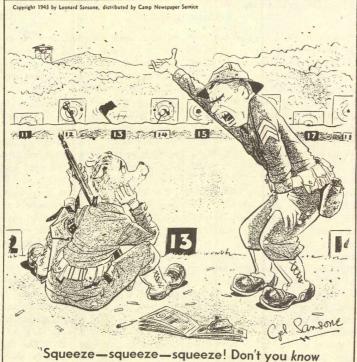
THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

The record breaking bond-selling program, Ralph Edwards' "Truth or Consequences" (NBC, Saturdays, 8:30 p. m., EWT), ended a 14-week cross-country tour in California, Saturday night by selling 1,210,000 in War Bonds at Oakland, bringing the tour's grand total to \$188,481,082 in cash for Uncle Sam.

When "T or C" pulled out of New York some three months back, Treasury officials and radio experts, wise in the way sof such campaigns, and giving Edwards due credit for being a first-rate showman, predicted a twenty-million-dollar total. He multiplied that mark a mere nine times. What they hadn't counted on was "T or C's" incredible popularity in the other sections of the country.

With that type of response from the American public the success of the War Bond campaign for the future would seem secure. However it is not that type of buying—stupendous as it may seem—that will put the dollars in Uncle Sam's cash register of success. The steady drip, drip of infinitesmal water particles make up the sea—and the same applies in regard to the small monthly deductions from the civilian worker's pay and here at Leterman as well as any other place in the country. And from everyone.

The Wolf by Sansone



how to squeeeeeze?'

Medics Steal Two From Azevedo Jewelers In 890 Tournament

Again displaying the form and consistency which dubbed them the "scourge of the city" last year the Letterman Bowling team took two out of three games from the Azevedo Jewelers in the 890 classic tournament at the Bagdad Alleys last Tuesday night.

A decided return to form for the Medics during the last three weeks has boosted the team standing in the league considerably and the double win Tuesday night put them in position for third spot in the league. The 948 and 918 games bowled by the Medics were good evidence of 890 league bowling form.

Cpl. Marano was high bowler for the night, with a 595 series, and was followed by Peterson of the Jewelers, with a 574 series. Sgt. Davis and Sgt. Kuntz followed Marano with series of 572 and 566 respectively.

The 890 classic tournament will come to an end late in July. The race for top spot between the present three leading teams will be close, if past scores are any indication. With the consistent bowling displayed last night Letterman has a good chance to take the honors.

The scores for the two teams is as follows:

AZEVEDO JEWELERS-

		-	
Baccetti	201	191	158-550
Wells	162	201	153-516
Treadway	131	128	159-418
Peterson	178	186	210-574
Tate	169	222	177—568

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HUSFITAL-			
Risso	172	174	159—505
Yohe	189	150	162-501
Davis			
Marano	204	192	199—595
Kuntz	182	199	185-566
		770	
	948	873	918 2739

MP's Pitch Dollars—Not Pennies

Air Base, Salt Lake City (CNS)
—At this Base, in the heart of
the mining country where silver
dollars still hold sway, MP's
amuse themselves by throwing
the heavy coins against the
wooden walls of the pass house.
Object of the pastime is to try to
imprint the lettering on the dollar
into the wood. A good strong
pitching arm and a pair of keen
eyes are necessary to get and see
any results.

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Higher Allowances Asked of Congress

High allowances for dependent children of men in the lower rasks of the armed forces were recommended to Congress today by the Army and Navy. A wife with one child would get \$68 a month, instead of the present \$62, with \$11 a month for each additional child, instead of \$10.

A wife without children would continue to receive \$50 of which the Government contributes \$28 and the enlisted man \$22. The entire cost of allowance is borne by the Government.

A blanket 15 per cent raise previously had been proposed in Government contributions for all dependency classifications, but a joint committee of Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard experts recommended varying increases and the payment by the Government of all of the amount of the first month's allowance immediately following induction into the armed forces.

A military subcommittee said this alone would cost the Government an additional \$104,000,000 yearly, and estimated that this and other changes would boost the total Government outlay \$393,000,000 yearly, although this amount takes into account contemplated increases in armed force personnel.

On recommendation of the joint committee, the legislation also includes a provision under which the upper three grades of the army sergeants and those of similar ranks in other services could choose whether they wished their dependents to receive the family allowances or the \$37.50 a month now is paid if they are not furnished quarters.



EYES OF TEXAS NOW UPON THEM

Captain lone Featherston, ANC, and the group of nurses who will be associated with her in the operation of a new station hospital deep in the heart of Taxas. Standing—left to right—2nd Lt. Geneva L. Coe, 2nd Lt. Mary D. Tye, 2nd Lt. Opal Gelston, 2nd. Lt. Frances

Williams, 2nd Lt. Lillian A. Palowitch, 2nd Lt. Jean D. Setera, 2nd Lt. Loretta T. Kading. Sitting—left to right—2nd Lt. Edith A. Hinchliffe, Captain Featherston, 1st Lieut. Loretta M. Leydon, 2nd Lt. Genevieve Corbeline.

DUTIES PERFORMED BY CQ IN DAY'S ACTIVITIES

The the enlisted personnel at Letterman Hospital, Field, or East Hospital, the Charge of Quarters Department is either good or bad; there is never a half-way-between mark for comparison when it is being discussed. When this department finds favor in the eyes of the men it is because the barracks are always spotless; clean bedding is always available; when all other sources of information fail to get results on some emergency question, the Charge Quarters can usually supply the answer-or any number of such cases. But when the Charge of Quarters is in disfavor with the men it is because one of the non-commissioned officers in charge of one of the three shfits at C. Q. is looking for men to fill a detail to evacuate patients, change a ward or barracks, stand emergency, give a transfusion or any one of a number of details distasteful to the average G. I. dog faces.

However, the Charge of Quarters, in its true sense, might be likened to heart and blood of the human body. When orders are emitted from the Detachment Commander the Charge of Quarters is the means and supply to see that they are carried out-whether routine or emergency and twenty-four hours a day-much as the reflexes from the brain keeps the blood supplying the wants and needs of the body. and also whether routine or of an emergency nature.

Responsible to the Detachment Commander at all times, Captain Lemuel R. Williams, MAC, the Charge of Quarters is the means of detachment running smoothly.

If one or one hundred new men arrive in the middle of the night for assignment at Letterman — and whether announced or unannounced ing non-coms when necessary. -they report to the Charge of new arrivals, gets a rush message day off. These phone calls can inthrough to the mess department to feed them, if it is necessary, and in general makes them comfortable until the following day when they are classified and given permanent ing the week. quarters.

In the morning S/Sgt. Henry P. Smith, ranking non-commissioned officer of the department, takes over. His task includes furnishing beds,



"CHARGE OF QUARTERS" OFFICE

Staff Sgt. Henry P. Smith, senior non-commissioned officer in charge of quarters, checking over the routine of the day with his

assistants, Sgt. William McDonald (right) and Corporal James S. Carender.

and arranging the schedules for training under orders from the First Sergeant, or until each man has been assigned to duty in the hospital. If the men have not received basic training they receive it from the C.Q. and it includes close order drill, keeping the routine business of the first aid training and all basic instructions. Sergeants Matt Jarvi and William McDonald head the other two eight hour shifts as NCO's in charge of C. Q. and assist the train-

Each morning there are usually Quarters. The NCO on duty finds from 10 to 50 telephone messages to temporary sleeping quarters for the complete with which to start the clude everything from obtaining men for blood tests and transfusions to checking with individuals to find out why laundry was not called for dur-

Later during the morning Lieutenant Ivan Dickey, MAC. Assistant Detachment Commander, makes an inspection of all quarters. If all is not in order-soiled linen in evidence, dirty barracks, or anything

be notified and it will be just as well for that person if the mistake is not make a second time. In the inspection of the living quarters the adjacent lawns and gardens are also checked and any necessary action taken to insure a well kept appearance of the grounds.

Sgt. Smith accompanies Lieutenant Dickey on these inspection tours as well as during the formal inspections when the duty personnel inhabiting the barracks presents themselves as well as all clothing for scrutiny. Latrines and shower rooms will be spotless-the ten Charge of Quarters barrack orderlies on duty see to that-all shoes will be polished, clothing laid out neatly, and the space around each man's bed and locker will be kept meticulous. If there is a fault to be found, Sgt. Smith is informed by the First Sergeant, and then Sgt. Smith rectifies the error.

Besides the usual inspections, each NCO for the three eight-hour shifts inspects all living quarters every foot and wall lockers for each man out of line—the offending party will hour. Not only do all barracks

therefore remain neat and orderly at all times, but the chances of accident is minimized. There is the rule of "No Smoking in Bed." which the CQ enforces. When men do smoke there will be no cigarette butts thrown on the floor, or the man whose bed is nearest the discarded cigarette will pick it up and clean all discoloration marks off the floorwhether ashes on the floor or burns is the wood. Consequently, there are few offenders. The same rules for cleanliness apply to the grounds around the buildings as well as inside the barracks.

According to the non-coms of the Charge of Quarters one of the big headaches connected with the job is entailed when a sudden influx of patients flood the hospital and "short-order" wards must be prepared. Beds to be made and moved: the building to be "sterilized"-and in time to accommodate an unannounced number of new arrivals. All men who have been inhabiting the building are moved to new quarters.

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MORE ABOUT CHARGE OF QUARTERS

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Often men who lived in one of the newly converted "wards" when they left on Detached Service, return to find someone sleeping in their beds and their belongings nowhere to be found. So Charge of Quarters comes to the rescue and points out the change and tells them where they may find new living quarters. Any man leaving on such a trip should make certain that his equipment is all in order and that the Charge of Quarters will find no "junk" in his locker, if they are forced to move him. One man had several hundred dollars stuffed between the folds of his blankets, and a sock full of silver dollars in a shoe when he left on D. S. and returned to find neither bag nor baggage where he left them. Yes!! Charge of Quarters had taken care of the money for him.

The business of keeping track of all men in the detachment and their duties and place of duty is no small accomplishment. With a detachment the size of Letterman, to be able to find Pvt. Joe Army, who may work here today and there vesterday and another place tomorrow, is next to the impossible-but C. Q. can. In fact they can tell if he was late for work and why. The efficient cross check file and folder system maintained by C. Q. is nearly infallible.

During night air raid alerts the phone from Charge of Quarters is kept busy notifying all non-coms who are area or section leaders to insure that all fire posts will be adequately covered-And they do. In the same manner, at any hour of the night when a note is left to call the cooks at 4:00 a.m.-or Sgt. So-and-So for a special assignment, it is taken care of by the man at the deck in the Charge of Quarters office. Also, all men slated for special duty as ward attendants, are notified by the C. Q. after the list has been prepared by the Detachment Office. And in the event that more men are needed than original listing provides, Charge of Quarters has the unpleasant task of approaching someone and saying, "You are working tonight."

Open for business twenty-four hours a day and busy all twentyfour, the Charge of Quarters department at Letterman is the first and most well known department, after the Detachment Office, with which the enlisted man becomes acquainted. a soldier may be stationed—at home



GUADALCANAL WAS NEVER LIKE THIS

Says Pfc. James H. Paine, of Bradshaw, W. Va., who was wounded in action over there and came back here to be surrounded by a

bevy of young beauties from ballet in the "Firefly" currently playing at the Curran Theatre in San Francisco.

Yank, Popular Army Paper, Everywhere At the Same Time

Each issue of YANK, the Army Weekly, is now available in many overseas areas almost simultaneously with distribution in the United States, due to a vastly expanded program of printing operations.

That statement, direct from Headquarters Detachment, Special Service, in New York represents the latest official word on the activities of the Army's Information Branch.

Formerly printed only in New York, copies of YANK were mailed to overseas theaters, and shipments were known to arrive two and three months affer publication. Now, in addition to the London operation, set up several months ago, YANK is being produced locally in Puerto Rico, Cairo, Trinidad, Hawaii and Sidney, Austratia. A number of other production points are being established.

This means that no matter where

or abroad-he will be able to obtain the latest edition of YANK, hot off the press, with all the most up-todate war, sports and home news. Even subscription copies will be distributed to soldiers from the local production point.

Meanwhile, YANK'S soldier-correspondents are covering virtually every front where U.S. troops are statoned, including such remote theaters as China, Burma, Iran, Iraq, and the Aleutian chain.

AT POST THEATER

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 13 and 14:

THE CHETNIKS-Philip Dorn-Anna Stein. Also March of Time. Thursday and Friday,

July 15 and 16:

THIS LAND IS MINE-Charles Laughton-Maureen O'Hara. Also Short Subjects and News.

Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18:

TONIGHT WE RAID CALAIS-Annabella - John Sutton. Short Subjects and News.



To T/5 and Mrs. Demecio B. Jimenez, born July 1, 1943, a daughter, Carmen Lu Jimenez, weight six pounds two and one-half ounces.

To T/4 and Mrs. Norbert D. Beauvais, born July 1, 1943, a son, David Charles Beauvais, weight six pounds ten ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Donald A. Condon, born July 4, 1943, a daughter, Kathleen Mariel Condon, weight six pounds eleven ounces.

To T-4 Theodore G. Barton and Mrs. Barton, born July 4, 1943, a son, Thomas Henry Barton, weight seven pounds one and three-quarter

To Sgt. and Mrs. Gordon F. Newton, born July 5, 1943, a son, Carl Gordon Newton, weight seven pounds seven and one-half ounces.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

Wise Counsel from Sec'v of War

Secretary of War Stimson signed a letter recently which is addressed to the men (and women) of the Army. It's a very important letter, one which everyone should read carefully.

We pass it along, knowing well it's contents require no further comment.

"MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES:

Maintenance of tanks and all the vehicles of war at a high standard of performance is as important to the success of the Army as the physical fitness of its personnel.

The Army supervises programs to insure the continuing health of its men and women. Maintenance of the same dearee of perfection in vehicles depends squarely upon their crews.

Whether you are in a training camp in the United States or in the forward line of a combat area, 'readiness for battle" must be the standard by which you judge the condition of this equipment which has been entrusted to your care.

The whole long chain of production and supply—from assembly at the factory to delivery on a distant shore—is severed if a vehicle's high perfection is permitted to deteriorate through lack of responsible care.

I call on every man and wo-



The designation of Brigadier General GEORGE F. LULL to be the Deputy Surgeon General of the Army. Thus preserving his genius and genialty for all of us.

Lieut, JULIA GALLAGHER with her eye on a pair of silver wings and the wings were on a- could vou guess?

Cpl. JOHN METZ, on Ward D-1. having no use for money but well supplied with air mail stamps for his fan mail.

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Sgt. LOWERY ALLEN trying to decide whether he will spend that furlough in Louisiana or Mississippi. He has homes in both states.

Pfc. HAROLD JOHNSON doing right proud by K-2 in his appearance on the Ginny Simms radio program last Tuesday evening.

The new MILITARY police guarding the lower gate and the parking lot and very much on the job.

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Miss VENA EWING, program director for the Red Cross, expanding her acquaintance with the local entertainment celebrities for the benefit of our patients.

The "liver-outers" among the nurses who manage to capture the corner table in the Officers' Grill and have fun at luncheon.

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Lieut. BERNARD OZOHOSKI giving personal instruction to one of his new staff members.

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man serving with the Army of the United States to unite in a campaign of preventive maintenance designed to abolish the menace of mechanical failures and to get the most from the fine machines which industry has provided.

This is your responsibility. I depend upon you to see it through.

(Signed) HENRY L. STIMSON Secretary of War."



Letterman has been especially favored this week with the advent of a beyy of attractive new nurses. Among this number is Miss MAR-GARET NEAFUS, born in Covelo, California, April 12, 1929. She attended school at Lakeport, California and received her nurse's training at St. Francis Hospital, San Francisco. finishing her course in February, 1943. Miss Neafus is an attractive brunette with a charming smile. She loves tennis and one of her favorite forms of reacreation is ice skating. We will have to tell her about Sutro's and the "Hole in the Wall," if she isn't already familiar with both

Miss HELEN T. McVANEY is from the Middle West, having been born in Friend, Nebraska, July 29, 1906. She received her training at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, where she spent three years. Later she went to Lincoln, Nebraska, to be associated with the Veteran's Administraton, after which she was with the Permanente Foundation at Berkeley, California.

We have a "dved in the wool" army gal with us this week in the person of LOU JANE WECHSLER, whose father is a retired army officer. Lou Jane was born in Manila. P. I., December 22, 1921. Three months later her family moved to San Antonio, Texas, and later to Spokane, Washington, going from there to Coronada, California, where they made their home for eleven years. Miss Wechsler went to school in Coronada and San Diego where she graduated. In 1940 she came to San Francisco to take training at the French Hospital.

While in the Southland (where she of that section. has been just before coming to Letterman) she attended quite a number of the Service dances and thought them fun. Lou Jane confided that she was particularly fond of warm climates, mainly for the reason it is easier to acquire a suntan, (doesn't argue so well for our San Francisco fogs and cool winds, does it?) However, she has visited and read a good book. One of the house as well as nurse.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, July 11, 1943

In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Confessions before all Masses. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

BIG reasons she hated to leave Los Angeles was a Boston bull pup which had to be left behind. Incidentally, we have Boston bulls here, to say nothing of the "wolves."

Miss CAROLYN POWER was born in Archer City, Texas, January 4, 1915. Attended college in Denton, Texas, and graduated from Baylor University, Dallas. She was at the Marine Hospital before coming to Letterman.

Her hobby is AMATEUR cooking. she says, but why call it "amateur." Judging from appearances we would guess it would rate a better description

MISS MARGARET GILES was born in Norman, Oklahoma, April 30, 1905. She attended Grade, High School, and the State University in Texas, but went to Woverly, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston, for her training in the Massachusetts General Hospital. She also received her degree in Art in Boston.

Before becoming a nurse, Miss Giles taught Nursery School in eastern Oklahoma. During this time she became much interested in functional psychology as related to the children under her care. These were principally the children of coal miners and from the lumber camps

Mrs. ERNA E. LEE was born in York, Nebraska, December 8, 1904. Attended school and received her training in York, following which she went to Los Angeles in 1930. She entered Letterman July 3rd, Was an Industrial Nurse at the Douglas Air Craft plant at Santa Monica. This proved very interesting though it consisted mostly of in San Francisco frequently and has first aid to the workers injured in many friends here, which should the plant. Her husband is in the compensate. She is especially fond Navy. He was formerly stationed at of riding, swimming and tennis; Mare Island but now is "Someplays the piano, and likes nothing where in the South Pacific." Mrs. better than to curl up somewhere Lee admits that she likes to keep



Private Hugh C. Ashley

If ever a guitar player, a vocalist, or a music and vocal arranger is needed, see Private Hugh C. Ashley, Buck for this week.

Private Ashley was born in Leslie, Arkansas, on September 27, 1915, where he lived until he was fourteen years old. At this age his ambition to entertain became a reality. Talent scouts from Hollywood heard some of his vocal recordings and they immediately took him to "Home of the Cinema" where he broadcast and made pictures with the Beverly Hillbillies. He remained in Hollywood only six weeks, as his family wished him to come home and finish his schooling. After completing his first year at Marshall High School he again went to Hollywood for a six weeks sojourn, and again joined the Beverly Hillbillies. Private Ashley returned to Leslie to complete his High School education, graduating in 1933. Following his graduation he attended the University of Arkansas. studying music for one year.

The lure of Hollywood was still strong enough to bring him back to that city and he started out by playing the guitar and singing with various Cowboy and Hillbilly groups for the next two and a half years. When this fad died out he turned to popular music and played with different dance bands throughout the Western States.

One of his specialities was arranging vocal compositions for trios and quartettes, so he decided to stay within the limits of Los Angeles, and also broadcast and made recordings of popular songs and commercial advertisements. Also at this time he tried his hand at writing, and wrote several songs which were accepted before he was drafted.

Private Ashley was inducted into the Army March 16, 1943, and has been stationed at Letterman since. where he is working in the E. & R. Department.

BUCK OF THE WEEK CARRIER PIGEONS CAUGHT IN THE DRAFT BY CONGRESSIONAL ACT

The Committee on Military Affairs peace. This supply is inadequate to homing pigeons.

The purpose of the legislation is to grant the President authority to issue regulations governing the possession, control maintenance and use of all Antwerp or homing pigeons, commonly called carrier pigeons, and of lofts therefor. It enlarges his authority to safeguard pigeons not now wned by the United States, and the law to prevent interference with the use of homing pigeons owned by the United States provides as a penalty for any violation punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment. Recommended amendments will make the language of the proposed legislation consistent with the terminology and provisions of existing legislation on homing pigeons, commonly referred to as carrier

The homing pigeon is used by the Army in communications work and is a distinct species of the pigeon family noted for its superior physique and homing ability. The War Department maintains a normal supply of these pigeons in time of to the Government.

has favorably reported the bill to meet wartime requirements. Conregulate the possession, control, sequently, the vast majority of hommaintenance and use of carrier or ing pigeons for war purposes must be obtained from civilian pigeon breeders and fanciers, who constantly breed and train these birds and increase their reliability. The enactment of this legislation would authorize the President to promulgate regulations to protect this potential source of these valuable birds.

> The adaptability of homing pigeons to communications work makes these birds a constant potential threat to the national security and effective prosecution of the war if they should be used by enemy agents. For this reason it is deemed highly desirable that legislation be enacted which would authorize necessary regulations to prevent the unauthorized use of homing pigeons.

Pigeon experts consider that carrier pigeons are not of exactly the same breed as Antwerp or homing pigeons, although these terms are constantly used synonymously. It is considered advisable that the terminology used in this legislation be made to conform to that of section III of title 50, U. S. Code Annotated, wherein reference is made to Antwerp or homing pigeons.

This bill would involve no expense



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ALBERT W. SPRAGUE, First Lieutenant, Army Air Force.

"Discharged for the convenience of the Government, effective June 21, 1943, to accept appointment as First Lieutenant, Army of the United States—appointment effective June 22, 1943"-is in general the way the order read that Master Sergeant Albert W. Sprague, Army Air Force, received July 4, 1943, while a patient on Ward F-1. And for the new lieutenant it was the end of a year-long wait when those orders finally reached him.

Since June 11 the lieutenant has been under observation and treatment at the hospital, and on the day the decision was made to operate on him to get him on the road to recovery again, the then sergeant dropped his role of enlisted man to accept the newer one of lieutenant.

June 30, 1938 he enlisted for service in the Quartermaster Corps and served there just one year when transferred to the Army Air Corps. The Lieutenant expressed himself by saying that he got into a branch of the service-the Air Corps-just in time to ride with the expansion it was to undergo shortly thereafter.

His service in the Air Corps carried him up through the ranks to include First Sergeant, Supply Sergeant and Chief Clerk of Supply and Material at the time of his hospitalization. This service has been while attached to a Fighter Force.

Lieutenant Sprague comes from Boise Valley, Idaho-at least he says it could be considered home before he entered the service. He was born, however, in Wallace, Kansas, formerly known as Fort Wallace at the time of the Indian wars in the late 1800's, when the Army had a garrison there. From Wallace he moved to Portland, Oregon, with his family and then on to Boise Valley. where he completed his schooling before entering the Army.

A welcome is extended to Pvt. Earl C. Kropp and Pvt. William Berman who joined the detachment during the week.

Much success to Pvts. Perry A. Pederson and James B. Wentz who were discharged during the week and once again are misters.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/5th Gr. Angelo Leone claiming that the only way to save money is to get married.

Sgt. Ralph M. Mason proving that perseverance does win . . . He was just accepted for flight training and has only applied umpteen times to achieve the end

Former, Sgt. John Evans back at Letterman for a visit and in the role of civilian . . . Sorry about the physical John and we all wish you well.

T/4th Gr. George Apregan tossing a football around every day and still able to find the energy to go out every night.

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz' formula for a successful night of bowling. "Relax!!" is the key word, and a good bottle of beer before match play is a big help.

S/Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West's weather eye peeled for any and all visiting rodeo shows.

S/Sgt. Wiley Dunn, Jr., coming into the Insurance Office under his own power to buy the maximum amount in Government Insurance.

Sgt. Robert Harrington now working in the detachment office-and enjoying it.

The entire detachment falling out for a gas inspection during the week.

T/3rd Gr. Charles Wilcox back from a trip and bringing some better bowling form back with him.

Pvt. Erick N. Peterson of the pharmacy explaining the correct technique with the fair sex for more and better dates to T/4th Gr. Edward Chilgren and James McDavid.

The attraction at the P. X. fountain for Sgt. Caesar Michelotti.

Soldier Writes Girl Every Week—in Braille

Camp Roberts, Cal. (CNS)—It takes Pvt. Albert H. Bommer eight hours to write a letter to his girl, Hazel White of Wonat-chee, Wash. Hazel is blind and Bommer writes faithfully every result was that just about 6:30 to in the Medical Department so he of emergencies.

ST. SGT. SMITH, EX-CAVALRYMAN AND DOUGHBOY, IS TOPRANK MEDICO



HENRY P. SMITH Staff Sergeant, Medical Corps.

rest in the barracks or service club still the same-emergency conditions and then is informed by Staff Ser- come up regardless-but the results geant Harry P. Smith, ranking NCO of Charge of Quarters that he is to report for "emergency duty" for another five or six hours he should in all probability resent the Sergeant very much. But everyone likes "Smitty." How he manages to make the host of friends he does, with the too often unpleasant job he has, is a secret only he can answer. The has made another friend. answer to the mystery would probably make a very interesting addition to Mr. Dale Carnegie's book, "How to Make Friends and Influence People." It has been said that it is not the rank he "pulls" with those four stripes but the friendly nature maker for a livelihood. and easy smile which brings people around to doing what Sgt. Smith Houston, Texas, on January 22, 1929, wants done.

At one time when the emergency night roster was full to overflowing and many men were being called to stand that extra five hours without having been listed, the easy way of obtaining those men would be to walk through the barrack and service club looking for them. Soon the that the next enlistment should be nothing but one continuous round

When a man has worked hard all |8:00 every night not a man could be day and is enjoying a well earned found anywhere. The procedure is are different. When Sgt. Smith makes his rounds he has very little trouble finding men and if he is forced to go as far as the service club in his search, which is not often, the men in the club don't make the mad dash for the exits as was once the case. They accept the order cheerfully and "Smitty"

He was born in Girard, Alabama, in 1906, and up until he was 21 years old he spent all those years in the "deep South." Montgomery, Alabama, was his home most of those years and he was employed as boiler

He was enlisted at Fort Sam for a three year duty tour in the Cavalry. In 1932 he reenlisted in the army for overseas duty in the Infantry, and proceeded first to the Philippine Islands and then to China for thirty months service.

At the completion of his foreign



MISS FAY FUOUA Medical Social Service Staff American Red Cross

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Miss Fay Fugua Is Moved to the South For New Station

Miss Fay Fugua, who has been a member of our Red Cross Social Service Staff for the past eight months, left last week for her new assignment to the staff at the Pasadena Area Station Hospital.

During her service at Letterman Mis Fuqua demonstrated an unusual characteristic of seeing every case through to the final phase and among her associates she enjoyed complete confidence in her ability to accomplish the difficult in social service work. She is one of those rare workers who "take a little longer to achieve the impossible."

The friends she made here at Letterman wish her every success in her new field of endeavor.

enlisted at William Beaumont for three years and then requested transfer to Letterman Hospital where he served five and one-half years in septic surgery before being assigned to the Charge of Quarters Department for duty.

Sgt. Smith is married and he says that their home in the Marina is ideal for one reason if nothing else -it is close to the post and he can report for duty in case of an emergency practically before the men can fall out of the barracks. This arrangement would seem ideal for the Sergeant, but rather unpleasant tour he was persuaded by a friend for Mrs. Smith, because his job is

The Fourth of July found the organization toeing the mark with rigid inspections, attention to details, rugged training, and close order drill playing a decided part in rounding out the organization and keeping each individual on the alert.

Pfc. Montell W. Wilson and Pfc. Fred O. White are enjoying fifteenday furloughs in "sunny" Los Angeles.

S/Sgt. Anderson will, no doubt, win the endurance trophy with his new fishing equipment and catch the most fish-that is if those large two and three inches are to be in-

Platoon Sgt. Engene Williams of Barracks No. 1, is seriously thinking of organizing a glee club and possibly a quartette. It seems that the barber shop quartette from the shower room has impressed him so much that he believes that there is real talent in the water-boys. (The "Sweet Adelines" can be heard for a good block on any quiet evening.)

Pfc. Walter McCullough, Pfc. Lawrence Dotts, and Cpl. Oscar White are doing a nice job as workmen in the Letterman Laundry and are fitting into the laundry program commendably.

Cpl. Robert Harrison, a veteran in many army fields of endeavor, is proving to be just as capable handling men on detail as he is on the drill field. Speaks well for his all around ability.

Lt. Henderson, company commander, in his address to the public at the Buchanan Street USO's first anniversary, last Sunday, expressed his thanks to those responsible for the many enjoyable evenings spent by the members of his company at the USO.

Our bouquet for this week goes to Cpl. Paul V. Weaver, a young man who has proved to be capable, dependable and thorough. Cpl. Weaver hails from Los Angeles and has made quite a name for himself as a student and a scholar there. Fortunately, he has neither forgotten nor lost those things he learned and and wish him much success. is using them to the mutual benefit of himself and the army. He is one of the best liked soldiers in the organization and one of the quickest to make friends. We are prophesy-

BILL GILLASPY REPORTS FROM HOLLYWOOD WITH SET OF AUTOGRAPHS



OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND Warner Bros.—First National Pictures *

Pvt. William K. Gillaspy, veteran of the Buna campaign, who has been doing public relations work in the southland has a fine collection of autographs from the greats of the screen world. This is the first of the list to be published and we hope Bill will not forget he has promised to let us use a "honey" of Ann Sheridan in the near future.

PAUL LUKAS TO BE A LETTERMAN CALLER NEXT MONDAY

Paul Lukas, well known stage and | became a sensation overnight in a screen star, will be a visitor at Letterman Hospital on the afternoon of July 12th when he will spend his he appeared in over a hundred films. time in informal chats with the patients on our wards.

Mr. Lukas, flying ace of World

ing a bright future for Cpl. Weaver

FLASH!!!! Lt. Samuel G. Chadman, formerly of the 717th, surprised the company with a most unexpected but pleasant visit. He's in the best of health and enjoyed his visit im-

Broadway stage play, was immediately recruited for Hollywood, where Two years ago, he returned to Broadway in "Watch On the Rhine," which had a long run in New York War I, after coming to this country and on the road all over the country. He returned to Hollywood to repeat his starring role for the Warner Brthers film version of "Watch On the Rhine," following which he appeared in the Paramount production. 'Hostages,' and "Confessions of a Nazi Spy."

> In the last war, Mr. Lukas had 804 flying hours to his credit, and camps and hospitals.

O. M. NEWS



"Four little maids from school"-Lois Wilson, Lucile Glover, Zita Kelly, and Beryl Nelson, graduated July 5th with high honors from eight hours schooling in Military Correspondence. The class included a girl from each section of the Hospital, and its instructor was charming Mrs. Dorothy Kelly, a representative of Fort Douglas, Utah. Beginning on July 1st, the four girls trotted off to school in the Administration Building Board Room for two hours of training in correspndence regulations, military letter and non-military letter composition, and the setting up and typing of various forms. The Military Correspondence course is now being given by Representatives from the Ninth Service Command at all military installations of the Command.

Major Oscar Speed and his men are doing a great job with the sorting and disposing of the Salvage Property. The June inspection and report of Salvage facilities and activities, submitted by Inspector A. S. Lotwin, reported the activities as being satisfactory and the work in general as running smoothly. * * *

Pvt. Lawrence Paris is enjoying three days of relaxation at Russian River.

The Property Office Force is breathing a sigh of relief after finishing the June inventory. It was the first one to be taken under the new Stock Record system.

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Beryl Nelson is happy to see her husband. He is here on a three day pass from Presidio of Monterey. Believe us. Bervl was a very lonesome girl after he left the Presidio of San Francisco.

was decorated many times. After the Armistice Mr. Lukas continued his interest in aviation, and today flies his own plane and is constantly working on ideas for the future of

One of Hollywood's leading portrayers of romantic roles, Mr. Lukas will return to Hollywood and pick up the career he interrupted to visit the men of the armed forces in the

OUR CAMERAMAN



RODNEY UNGER Private, Signal Corps

Born in Portland, Oregon, September 12, 1920, Private Rodney Unger is the descendant of a long line of photographers. His grandfather was one of the foremost daguerreotype men of his time, an Uncle was leader with the circuit camera and his parents are both photographers. It is only logical that Pvt. Unger should have an innate desire to carry on the family trade; satisfying that desire during his Army days as a Photographer in the Signal Corps.

Before entering the Army, March 24, 1943, our cameraman lived in Spokane, Washington and Oakland, California. His work consisted of general portraiture and publicity photography. In the latter capacity he served as photographer for Sally Rand and Company.

Questioned by the inquiring reporter as to interesting episodes in his career, Pvt. Unger related the following story. "An elaborate social function was held in Spokane a few years ago. Photographers were not desired. However, by a so-called coup d'etat, I managed to gain admittance. Dressed like an electrician, with my camera in a toolbox, I entered, and before long was shooting pictures with the approval of the committee in charge. This "unassigned" assignment resulted in one of the best photographic scoops of the year."

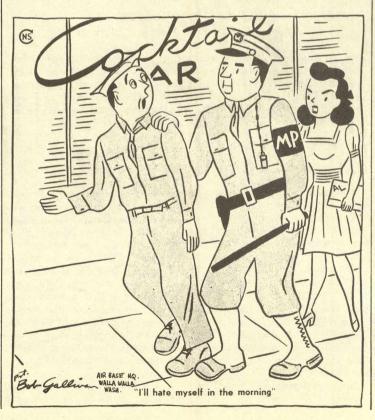
After the war, Pvt. Unger hopes to continue photography, specializing in portraits of children and animals.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Unwittingly, quite a number of the civilian employees of this organization have fallen off the "Ten-Percenters" band wagon. The cause of this depletion in the ranks is the new wage scale. Numerous employees have not taken the precaution to increase their War Bond Deductions in ratio with their increased salaries. In most cases an increase of as little as \$1.25 per pay day would make up the difference. Check up on your standing today and visit the War Bond Office to make your increase.

According to our latest reports, our standing in the present War Bond Campaign remains just about the same as it has during the past few months. We are sixth in a field of seven and our rating is 77 per cent participation and 7 per cent investment. The figures show that one out of every four employees is not behind the War effort as far as purchasing War Bonds is concerned.

Back up our men and women at the front by getting 100 per cent behind them with a War Bond salary allotment.



Do-Nuts Are Devoured By Our Keglers Who Regain Old Form

In a continued climb toward the "win circle" of the Classic 890 League at the Bagdad Bowling Alleys last Tuesday night, the Medics from Letterman Hospital took a two out of three game series from the Stempel DoNut Company.

Ever consistent, Sgt. Henry Kuntz was high bowler for the Medics with a total pinfall of 611; and Sgt. Charles Wilcox who has been on the absentee list for the last three weks came through with second honors with a 607 pinfall for the night. His game of 224 was also high game for the Medics for the night although Roberts of the Do-Nuts topped him with a 243 game high for both teams.

Corporal Frank Marano whose games during the last month have been consistently high for the Medics took a fall from his pinacle with a 484 pin series. An abnormal number of splits in each game for Marano was the reason for his downfall.

Sgt. John Davis started the series in rather shaky form but managed to bring his games around to garner a 568 series. Sgt. Walter Yohe followed Davis with a 540 pinfall.

With nine games to be bowled in the 890 League before it closes the Medics can still get in the "first three" bracket with continued wins.

Sgt. Wilcox has completed arrangements with the Ice Follies team for a game scheduled, tentatively, for the 24th of July. Last year the Medics spotted them a 150 handicap and lost by four pins. This year the Ice Follies team has a stronger handicap and the game will probably be a no handicap affair.

The results of Tuesday night's play are:

STEMPEL DONUTS-

Saysette	167	186	196
Langford	202	187	169
Schwartz	175	159	165
Schultz	157	182	207
Roberts	243	184	172
Tolta	944	898	909

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

DELLEN AND			
Yohe	188	174	178
Wilcox	224	179	204
Davis	197	179	192
Marano	135	172	177
Kuntz	219	189	203
Total	063	902	05/

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Former Letterman X-Ray Chief Raised To Colonel's Rank

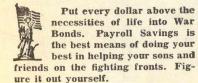
Word was received here recently that Lieutenant Colonel Harold I. Amory, formerly chief of the Radiological department at Letterman Hospital and now Commanding Officer of the 78th General Hospital was promoted to the rank of Colonel.

One of the youngest colonels in the Army Medical Corps, Col. Amory, who is 38 years old, was born in Virginia, entering the medical corps 12 years ago. He has served at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina: Medical Field Service School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Ft. Slocum, New York; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii besides his tour of duty here at Letterman.

For the past several years Col. Amory has been engaged in the the practice of radiology, heading the radiological services at Letterman and Schofield barracks. His assignment to the 78th general hospital came in September, 1942, shortly after it was activated at Camp White, Oregon.

The 78th General Hospital, is to be distinguished from station hospitals and other types of medical units, in that it is a numbered general hospital, a unit which is trained to administer to medical and casualty needs in a 1,500 to 2,000-bed hospital of permanent tent construction.

Under the leadership of Col. Amory the 78th has distinguished itself not only as top-notch outfit in hospital work, but as a body of men adept in the field.



MR. PAUL T. LUCAS PAYS THREE HOUR VISIT TO LGH PATIENTS



MR. PAUL T. LUKAS

Listening attentively while Miss Vena Ewing, Red Cross program supervisor, outlines the procedure to be followed during the visit of the well known stage and screen star who made a special call on our patients this week.

sented to Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, Commanding General, Letterman General Hospital, last Monday afternoon, it was the beginning of a three-hour-long tour while he visited with the patients and personnel of the hospital. The star was received at the hospital by the Post Chaplain.

The tour included both medical and surgical sides of the hospital and the visiting celebrity was accompanied on these rounds by Miss Vena Ewing, American Red Cross program supervisor at Letterman Hospital.

Mr. Lukas, a World War I flying ace, is intensely interested in the military and naval affairs of the nation, particularly the air corps, and met many persons in the pa-

When Mr. Paul Lukas, star of tients and personnel, as well as radio, stage and screen, was pre- officers and enlisted men, with whom to exhange ideas and talk shop. His one complaint as to his visit was that limited time did not allow an opportunity to become better acquainted with his new "friends." He expressed himself by saying that more than anything he would like to be back in active service-flying-and that the age limit should be waived in his case because of his flying hours, though he added he knew better.

> Mr. Lukas' itinerary while in San Francisco included visits during the week to most of the Army and Naval installations in the vicinity of the bay area, and Letterman was the first stop-off. From the bay area his travels will also include camps all along the west coast.

Five Medical Officers To Leave For New Carlisle Base Soon

In compliance with orders of the War Department five medical officers at Letterman hospital will leave for a new station at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania in the very near future. Captains Willard S. Calden, M. C., Wilmer H. Starr, M. C., Robert H. Denham, Jr., M. C., and Leslie Riechel, M. C., and First Lieutenant John Galgiani, M. C. will comprise the quintette of officers who will comply with these orders.

Captain Calden has been on active duty in the Army since February, 1941 and has spent all that time stationed at Letterman hospital. His duties have included clean surgery, obstetrics, receiving and outpatient services and was ward officer on Ward D-1 at the time his orders came through.

Captain Starr too has spent his entire active duty at Letterman since October, 1940. During this time he has been on duty in the contagious section and the out patient and receiving services.

Captain Denham, long time Ward officer of K-2 and more recently Chief of the Orthopedic Section has been at Letterman since November,

Ward K-1 had Captain Reichel as ward officer at the time of the transfer orders. An eye, ear, nose and throat specialist he has been stationed at Letterman since August, 1941 and been on duty with the EENT service for the entire time.

In November, 1941 Lieutenant Galgiani reported for duty at Letterman. Since that time the Lieutenant has been on duty with the contagious diseases section of the hospital.

Another well known officer who left Letterman for a new station at (Continued on page four)

ROUNDS AT LETTERMAN STUMPPROOF EXPERTS MAKE

A vertiable fund of answers were available to the patients of Letterman on Tuesday afternoon of this week when three gentlemen who enjoy world wide reuptations as stumpproof experts visited several of the wards under escort of the commanding general and the public relations officer.

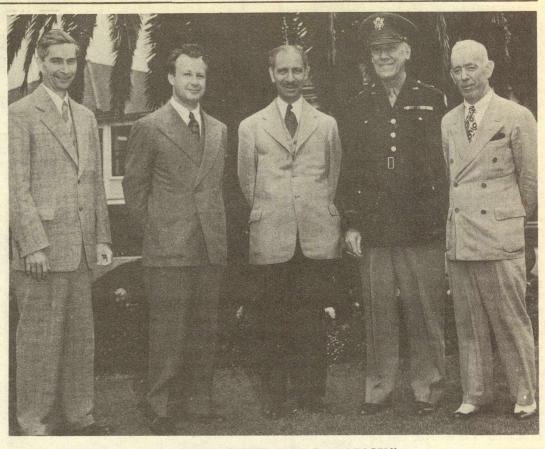
The radio stars of the program "Information Please?" came to San Francisco to air their show from the War Memorial Opera House on Monday evening. It was the last stop on a bond selling campaign and the finishing touches were put on with a lavish hand by the announcement that natives of the city by the Golden Gate had purchased more than five million dollars worth of war bonds, which in turn enabled thirty seven hundred citizens of the community to procure tickets to witness the broadcast.

The presence of the experts in town prompted the Armed Forces Entertainment Committee to invite them to come out to Letterman for a visit with the patients and that invitation, extended through Lieut. Joseph Morgan on behalf of the committee, was graciously accepted by the men who know all the answers and Mr. John Kieran, Mr. Franklin Adams, Mr. Clifton Fadiman, with Mr. Bell, of the National Broadcasting Company, arrived in mid afternoon at the hospital.

The quartette were received immediately by General Weed, who was waiting in his office, and then proceeded to a visit on the wards where the majority of the patients were bedfast. Their first stop was made on B-1 where Lieut. Donald Baiers, indulging in a daytime reverie, looked up to find himself surrounded. He greeted the visitors and had a brief chat with each while a photographer snapped what turned out to be a fine picture of his back but the lieutenant believes it is still a good souvenir of the occasion.

Moving along the ward the visitors next called on Lieut. Aldo Romiti where they also met Mrs. Romiti and their young son, Jay, who promptly took control of the situation and entertained the entertainers

Then on to the room occupied by Lieut, Donald Reynolds, of Attu and Chicago, the young officer who stopped four Japanese bullets but perenemy before he was carried to the man with the best dominoes, gallop- the wonder grew how one small



TRIO FROM "INFORMATION PLEASE?"

Pose for a photo on arrival at Letterman. I to Brig. Gen. F. W. Weed, commanding general, r-Mr. Joseph Bell, NBC representative, Mr. and Mr. John Kieran. Clifton Fadiman, Mr. Franklin P. Adams,

Franklin P. Adams can be serious.

It was on ward C-2 where Mr. Kieran really hit his stride and opened the round of the ward with a chat at the bedside of Pvt. Jeff D. Murphy, of South Carolina. Jeff still suffers from cold feet but Mr. Kieran matched that with a tale of freezing his own feet years ago while ice skating. The man with all the answers took a pace or two and stopped between the beds of Pvt. Joe B. Whitfell and Pvt. Beverly Trigg. A domino game was in progress and Mr. K. took a hand. The talk got around to payless pay days and Mr. K. recalled he had gone seven months without pay while a sergeant in World War I. He amplified the remark that he had no use for money in those days altho there was always a little in the company. manently stopped a score of the That little being in possession of the

bedside of youthful heroes even and Whitfell were playing. Mr. Kieran knows everything. Adams was looking for men from Chicago but could only meet up with men from Mississippi. He took what who stopped some of the Japanese he found and discoursed on the lead and shrapnel fragments. Judgbeauties of Ole Miss'-a state not ing from the smiling faces of the without attractions if we can believe the group at the lower end of ward C-2. All of this time Mr. Fadiman was on his own, browsing just like the booklover he is, and picking up talked at length concerning their some of the stories of these young part in the capture of Attu and veterans of the Aleutian wastes.

> a little personal attention when Mr. May is ever increasing. If pressed Kieran recalled a boxing match in for an expression they might admit Madison Square garden in New York where Stan was the contender for the lightweight crown. To the bystanders the lines about the schoolmaster in the "Vicar of Wakefield" might have expressed their thoughts: "Still they gazed and still

rear for medical attention. At the ing dominoes; not the kind Trigg | head could carry all he knew." Mr.

Over on D-1 the visitors met up with some of the veterans from Attu men all of the rigors of the landing on that bleak isle are fast receding into memories to be evoked only on special occasions. They have never with the passage of time their re-Sgt. Stanley Hasrato came in for luctance to discuss the events of taking a rightful pride in their selection for a difficult task and since the job was well done that is enough for them.

The conversation in this ward brought out the fact that Mr. Adams was a captain in the last war but being a genial soul that he is he

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MORE ABOUT STUMPPROOF EXPERTS

(Continued from page two) has never been known to pull his rang on ex-Sgt. Kieran. It might even be added that he felt right at home among privates and non-coms ever since the old World War ended because he was never far away from them while the fighting was furious and found them quite all right. He had a proper reverence for Staff Sgt. Herman Schleuter despite what Pvt. Marle Curless contributed in the way of a definition of a sergeant. Curless shares the opinion of all buck privates in describing any sergeant as a man with a 1-A body, a 3 stripe sleeve, and a 4-F mind.

Off in a far corner of the ward the visitors came upon Corporal John Metz and gazed in awe on a soldier who has no use for money. It was their turn to ask questions and they naturally wanted "to know how he got that way," but Metz would not talk. In nearby beds Pvts. Chapman and Nelson exhibited smirks of incredulity but as the doctor and nurse were also present they limited their comments.

Over on M-2 the distinguished callers got into the range of the camera for a picture with the nurses on duty at that time. It was the second time that day the nurse in charge of the ward, Lt. Ann Ghormley, had posed for a picture. She had previously participated in the publicizing of the scrap record drive being conducted by the American Legion.

The final stop on the round of visits was made at the room of Sgt. Leonard Foulk, who has already begun the work of rehabilitation necessitated by wounds received in action. Sgt. Foulk remarked that ht had a lot of questions to ask but in the very presence of the experts he suffered from a form of "Mike" fright and could thing of none.

The patients of Letterman have been fortunate in the number and quality of the visitors who drop in to add a word of cheer to the conversation with the veterans of the present war. But the men undergoing treatment this week will always feel they have an edge on the past and the future because in their estimation no group of visitors will ever add up to Mr. John Kieran, Mr. Franklin P. Adams, and Mr. Clifton Fadiman.

"Information Please?" is tops.



Getting personal lesson from Mr. John Kieran in the ancient pastime of dominoes. The man with the broad back in lower left foreground is Pvt. Joe B. Whitfell.



Or at least they might have while in close proximity to the company shown above. I to r 2nd Lt. Edith Hawthorne, Mr. Franklin P. Adams, 2nd Lt. Ann B. Bakalar, Mr. John Kieran, 2nd Lt. Ann Ghormley, Mr. Clifton Fadiman.

How Does Income Tax Law Effect Your Pay Check?

Under the new Current Income Tax Payment Act, recently passed by Congress, there will be no withholding of tax on military pay. Furthermore a \$1.500 exclusion from gross income is allowed to all military personnel on active duty and applies to commissioned officers as well as those below that grade. The \$1,500 exemption is in ADDITION to the credit for personel exemptions and dependents. The \$1,500 exemption is applicable to the taxable year beginning January 1, 1943, and is to continue for each subsequent year until the present war has been terminated. This service exclusion applies only to military or naval personnel on active duty.

Here are examples of just how this will affect you GI's and commissioned officers personally:

If you're a married man with no dependents—

Under the old law, you had a personal exemption of \$1,200 and an exclusion from income (to those under the grade of commissioned officer) of \$300. Total relief, \$1,500.

Under the new law, you retain the personal exemption of \$1,200, but ALL military personnel have an exclusion from income of \$1,500. Total, \$2,700. Which means, if you're an enlisted man or an officer, you don't have to pay a tax at all if you make less than \$2,700 gross income.

If you're a married man with two dependents—

Your total relief would be \$3,400, as opposed to \$2,200 under the old law.

And finally, if you're a single man with no dependents—as most of us are—

Under the old law, you had a personal exemption of \$500, and an exclusion from income (to those under the grade of commissioned officer) of \$250, making a total relief of \$750. Chances were, under the old law, you had to pay a small tax if you were making a buck sergeant's pay or better. But look at the difference now.

Under the new law, you retain your personal exemption of \$500, and you have in addition the greatly-increased exclusion from income (to all military personnel) of \$1,500, for a total relief of \$2,000. Which practically rules out all enlisted men from paying a tax, and takes a healthy cut into the tax most officers must pay.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

A Surgeon's Prayer In Wartime

GOD OF BATTLE, grant that the wounded may swiftly arrive at their hospital haven, so that the safeguards of modern surgery may surround them, to the end that their pain is assuaged and their broken bodies mended

Grant me as a surgeon, gentle skill and intelligent foresight to bar the path to such sordid enemies as shock, hemorrhage and infection.

Give me plentifully the blood of their non-combatant fellowman, so that their vital fluid may be replaced and thus make all the donor people realize that they, too, have given their life's blood in a noble

Give me the instruments of my calling so that my work may be swift and accurate, but provide me with resourceful ingenuity so that I may do withcut bounteous supplies.

Strengthen my hand, endow me with variant energy to go on through day and night, and keep my heart and brain attuned to duty and great opportunity.

Let me never forget that a life or a limb is in my keeping and do not let my judgment falter.

Enable me to give renewed courage and hope to the living and comfort to the dying.

Let me never forget that in battles to be won, I too, must play my part, to the glory of a great calling and as a follower Hawaii Medical Journal.)



Captain LEMUEL R. WILLIAMS, marking the 31st anniversary of his military service with no special observance.

New silver bars on the uniform lapels of Miss ELEANOR MITCH-ELL, head dietitian, and Miss MARGARET ALT, head physical therapy aide. Both were promoted to the rank of 1st lieutenant in the A.U.S.

Lieut. "LARRY" BENTON, the bearded bombardier, being badgered by a barmaid as a beat.

EVE ALLISON WILLEY on her first visit to the Sanctum and quite at home in the usual uproar as deadline approached.

Miss MARY BENSON and Miss ESTHER GROBLER, of the civilian personnel staff, attired in the new royal blue uniform dresses, or better, suits. Purely optional for the female civilian staff but rather nifty too.

Major FRANK R. DAY treating Lieut. CHARLES MIDDLETON to luncheon after a cold cut. It was a cold deck too.

Sgt. DOUGLAS L. GABB writing from South Carolina and enthused about his amphibian truck company.

Capt. BEN KINGWELL bringing back news of WILSON T. SMITH now a lieutenant colonel and going places soon.

MORE ABOUT FIVE OFFICERS

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Torney General Hospital at Palm Springs, California last week was Captain Donald S. Slocum, M. C. He too had been stationed at Letterman for more than two years and had been on duty with the surgical service. He was ward officer of Ward E-1 at the time of his transfer.

of the Great Physician. Amen. JOHN J. MOOREHEAD., MC, USA

(This Surgeon's Prayer was written on Christmas Night, 1941, and first appeared in the



This week our staff has been augmented by Mrs. Marie SORRELL. Born in Los Angeles September 22, 1919 where she attended Grade and High School. Her training was received at Queen of the Angels Hospital, from which she graduated about a year ago. Her husband is in the Marine Corps and has been overseas six months. At present he is "Somewhere in the South Pacific."

We welcome another addition in the person of Miss Edythe HAW-THORNE who came to Letterman July 9th. She was born September 30, 1919 at Milford, Illinois. Her school days were spent at Hoopeston, Illinois, and her nurse's training received in Oak Park, Illinois.

Miss Hawthorne served seven months overseas-in New Caledonia. It took about three weeks to reach her destination. Since her return to the United States fresh vegetables, milk and cream, and all you want too, have been much appreciated as, of course, only canned foods were available while overseas. This is her second visit to California and she likes it very much.

Pulling an automobile engine apart and putting it together again is just one thing the new head of US Army Nurses, Colonel Florence A. BLANCHFIELD, can do.

This tiny blonde (she's only five feet one) began her work with the Army Nurse Corps about the time the Panama Canal was being built. In fact, she was an anaesthetist in the Canal Zone when Major General Gorgas' health measures helped push the canal to completion.

Colonel Blanchfield is an expert typist because she believes it's a business asset and because learning it was fun. She even took extension courses in accounting, bookkeeping and commercial law.

She has been on duty in the Philippines and China, has done administrative work in San Francisco, at Walter Reed Hospital and in the Surgeon General's office in Washington. In World War I Colonel Blanchfield served in Brittany, she and 27 other nurses tended 15,000 men from the front. And she says "keeping up morale" was as big a job as nursing the wounded men.

But the Colonel is domestic, too. She can cook and studies many a

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, July 18 In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Confessions before all Masses. Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m. Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

A "First American" **Holds Commission** As Army Chaplain

For the first time in its history, the United States Army now has an American Indian serving as a chap-

Announcement was recently made of the appointment of Chaplain (First Lieutenant) James Collins Ottipoby, a Comache Indian born in Elgin, Oklahoma. Chaplain Ottipoby is a graduate of Hope College, Holland, Michigan. He pursued further studies at Western Theological Seminary and also at the Y.M.C.A. College and the Methodist School for Pastors in Chicago.

He was ordained in the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City in 1938, and has held pastorates in Oklahoma, Nebraska and New Mexico. His last pastorate before entering the Chaplain School at Harvard University was at the Christian Indian Mission in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Stork Was Here

- TO T/5 Junior P. Wampler and Mrs. Wampler, on July 7, 1943 a baby boy, Junior P., weight seven pounds three ounces.
- TO 1st Lieutenant Charles Fuller and Mrs. Fuller, on July 9, 1943, a baby girl, weight six pounds one and one-half ounces.
- TO T/5 Arthur Buller and Mrs. Buller, on July 11, 1943, a baby boy, weight seven pounds fourteen ounces.

cookbook and nutrition pamphlet. When she was a student nurse she designed and made clothes for other trainees. She still makes her own clothes to wear when she isn't in uniform.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. Peter J. Ricca

Private Peter J. Ricca, our "Buck" for this week hails from the city of Brooklyn, New York, made famous by the Brooklyn Dodgers.

In Williamsburg, a suburb of Brooklyn, Private Ricca was born on March 31, 1921. This was his home until he was drafted into the army. He attended the Eastern District High School where he studied a commercial course, and also took up boxing as a hobby. When he left school in 1937 he started to work, doing odd jobs around town for the next three or four months. He then secured a position with the Norwalk Pipe Corporation, manufacturer of Brier pipes and tobacco equipment. He started in the finishing department and in the four years he was employed by this firm he advanced to foreman of his department.

When the Big Wind caught him on October 23, 1942 he landed at the Reception Center, Fort Dix, New Jersey; from there went to Fort McClellan, Alabama, for his six week's basic training. He was then assigned to a motorized division and went on desert maneuvers at Yuma, Arizona for four months. At the end of that time he was transferred to Letterman General Hospital where he is serving as a clerk on Ward "G."

Private Ricca is an ardent baseball fan and hopes that when the war is over he will be able to return to Brooklyn, resume his former job and spend his days off sitting in the grand stand, with a bottle of Coco Cola in one hand and a sack of pop corn in the other, rooting lustily for the famous Brooklyn "Bums" Dodgers of his home town.



If Hitler wins, the issue for you will be living itself and not just the cost of living. Think that over and figure it out for yourself how much beyond 10 percent of

your family income you should put into War Bonds every payday.

"GET 'EM PAID IS THE MOTTO THAT MAKES FOR MILITARY MORALE

"Get 'Em Paid" is the theme of the Office of Dependency Benefits, for a soldier's fighting zeal is largely influenced by the physical and mental well-being of his family.

More than seven and one-half million Americans must be provided for because their breadwinners are in the service. To guarantee a certain amount of financial security to those wives, children, parents, or other dependants, ODB was created in June, 1942, and since then has kept faith with the soldier and his family.

The staggering task of writing four and one-half million checks each month is handled by specially designed machines that "think." These amazing machines will write the checks (punching out correct amounts by feeling the code punch ed in the checks from master cards). Sensitive steel fingers open the envelope, slip the checks inside, seal the envelopes and stack them ready for the post office!

Errors are seldom made, but when they occur, mechanical "inspectors" refuse to write checks for incorrect amounts, test envelopes for their thickness, and eject those which contain two checks or none at all. That's why the soldier's allotment check is of cardboard stiffness, with holes punched in them. ODB personnel are asked not to fold the checks, as they are handled by other "thinking" machines on their return, for cancellation and sorting.

Even though machines handle the bulk of the routine work, ODB requires a staff of ten thousand persons to handle the varied remaining jobs in the eighteen story ODB headquarters building in Newark, New Jersey.

The problem of keeping records up to date is large, and requires effort and organization on the part of ODB. For example: If Pvt. John Doe's wife has a baby, ODB increases her Family Allowance of \$50 by \$12, to make a total of \$62 per month. If Cpl. Bill Smith is listed as a prisoner of war, missing in action, or beseiged by the enemy, ODB helps his dependents with emergency allotments deducted from his pay, which of course accumulates during his absence. If Sgt. Dick Jones is promoted to Staff Sergeant, the Family Allowance to his dependents is discontinued, as Army men above the rank of Sergeant use the volunfor their dependents. The Office of are carrying out our orders."

Dependency Benefits pays the amount they stipulate, and a corresponding amount is deducted from the serviceman's pay wherever he may be. The government makes no contribution.

"If, you have any safety pins please send me three dozen. Daughter-in-law is going to have a baby," reads one of the sixty thousand letters a day that deluge the office. Each letter contains a human problem, and each must receive individual consideration from the staff of ODB. Thirty million pieces of mail have been handled this first year, exclusive of checks.

"What Happened to my Allotment" is the question that appears most often in the mail that pours in. ODB states that the Family Allowance does not start until the month following the month in which the application is made. It must be earned before it can be paid.

Help the ODB and YOURSELF by:

- 1. Filling applications correctly
- 2. Putting your name in your mail
- 3. Notifying your local postmaster and ODB.

An average of forty thousand checks are returned to ODB each month, because dependents are no longer at the address given on their application blank. If soldiers and dependents will cooperate and give ODB these various changes that occur much time will be saved, and the "What Happened to my Allotment" letter will less likely appear.

But confidence and faith are the real, tangible results of the efforts of the Office of Dependency Benefits. Confidence in the form of government which sincerely believes in aiding dependents of servicemen; faith in the outcome.

The ODB from the first recognized its vital role. That of protecting the families of our soldiers-the heart of the Army. Outside of mess, mail call is the most eagerly awaited signal in the Army. Mail from homethe bridge between the soldier and his family. The ODB performs the same purpose, for through financial security it bulwarks the spiritual strength of American soldiers.

Brigadier General H. N. GILBERT. Chief of ODB, has replied very simply to the praise heaped upon his organization: "The Secretary of War told us to let nothing stand in tary Class E Allotment of pay plan the way of getting them paid. We

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Sergeant Lewin S. Villa

Newest member of the Chaplain's office is Sgt. Lewis S. Villa, newly arrived from the Post Exchange here at Letterman. "I find my duties here at the office very different from the P. X. and I will have to keep my eyes open and forget merchandising if I am to get along," says Sgt. Villa. "Helping publish the Fog Horn and doing various office duties are going to be interesting, and I feel I will like this work very much."

Villa, who just six months ago was a buck private, hails from the State of Washington, and claims to be the best trout fisherman in this area. On a moments notice he will lunge into the finer details of dry fly fishing and will talk for hours on the subject to anyone who will listen to him. Any spare time that he has is spent searching for the wiley trout, and on these expeditions he is always accompanied by Mrs. Villa, who, fortunately, enjoys fishing as much as her husband.

Born in South Bend, Washington, on July 25, 1914, Villa claims to be a true Washingtonian, for he lived in that state for twenty-two years before coming to California. While in San Jose he met the future Mrs. Villa and they were married there on April 4, 1937. Shortly after this he moved to Oakland and, with three partners, opened a large furniture and appliance store. He was enjoying a successful business operation when the long arm of Uncle Sam beckoned and Villa enlisted in the United States Army. He was sent to Monterey and from there was assigned to Letterman General Hospital

When the war is over Sgt. Villa says he is going back in the furniture business and sell all of his many friends here at Letterman a house full of furniture (at reduced prices).

Discharged for the convenience of the Government during the week were: T/4th Grade Ernest R. Williams, Private Perry A. Penderson and Private James B. Wentz.

A welcome is extended Private Lloyd P. Pevis who joined the Detachment during the week.

Privates Peter Lee and William Berman were transferred during the week. We wish them much success.

Interesting to See:

S/Sgt. Leonard Bell back from school with no waist line, wearing suntans with complexion to match.

Cpl. Harry Brix complaining that the hot weather is making him lose weight. (We hadn't noticed.)

Sgt. Herman Gai in the clothing business instead of the meat business, and discovering that ration points are not necessary at the Detachment Supply.

Arkansas-born Corporal Dalton Poff expounding the merits of "good old mountain music" and Corporal Gus Bingen backing him up.

M/Sgt. Ted Schmerer and T/Sgt. William Murphy racing to the insurance office to see who would be the first to subscribe for the full \$10,000.

Sgt. Harry Ponerantz, LGH jailer, spending the day in jail back in New York City because he was careless and misplaced his travel papers. He reports that he now has a new outlook on the "confinement" question since he was "in, looking out" for once.

Pvt. Robert D. Wood again trying to raise a blond victory garden on his upper lip.

Sgt. Eugene Rybach trying to stretch one dollar and fifty cents to cover three meals a day and hoping he won't lose weight.

T/5th Grade "Snuffy" Paul Benkert and Cpl. Patrick Sullivan limbering up their throwing arms in a baseball session.

Sgt. Paul Hecht now being known as the "Poor Man's Jim Farley," due to the new job in the Post Office.

Sgt. Lou D. Slott taking pinocle lessons from T/3rd Grade Charles Wilcox.

SOFT SOUTHERN ACCENT NOW HEARD AT STAFF MEETINGS OF RED CROSS



CLARA FREEMAN BIKALES

Is the latest addition to the Social Service Staff of the American Red Cross assigned to duty at Letterman General Hospital.

historical background in this nais a feud is the feeling of Tulane University toward Louisiana State Unvirsity or viceversa, if you want it your way.

On rare occasions there is romance as well as rancor evident in a feud. A Hatfield fell in love with a McCoy; Dallas could take Fort Worth into its corporate limits, and a male grad of LSU married a Tulane co-ed. It could happen here in California. How do we know? Well, Mrs. Clara Freeman Bikales told us so.

Mrs. Bikales is a native of New Orleans and a former student at Tulane where she majored in Social Service before coming out to the University of California to complete here studies. Dr. Bikales made his medical course at LSU and took his degree in time to get into the fighting forces with the United States Coast Guard. All of this came out when Mrs. Bikales reported for duty last week as a member of the Social Service Staff of the American our assets.

Feuding is one pastime with an | Red Cross on duty at the hospital.

The old adage about first imprestion of ours. It affects individuals sions being lasting ones should be like the well known Hatfield-McCoy true in her case as the first imfeud of Kentucky; it is not unknown pressions she has made around to cities such as Dallas and Fort these parts are most favorable. She Worth in Texas; but the feud that is a young matron who smiles easily and a ready smile can work the proverbial wonders for a social worker. She is still too young in that field to believe the only solution for a particular problem is HER solution and we hope the day is far ahead before she gets around to 'Well, the book says -."

Mrs. Bikales has had previous experience in Child Care and Family Welfare work for the city of Rockville, Maryland, and as a member of the Social Service staff of Gallinger Hospital in the District of Columbia.

Our new social worker will find that feuds are out for the duration hereabouts and we hope it will not make her unhappy in her surroundings. Being the wife of a Greek she can always have a tug of war, you know-"When Greek meets Greek, etc." for diversion, but it is a normal state of affairs for all of us to pull together.

We count Mrs. Bikales as one of

SPECIAL

First Lieutenant Howard Dow, MAC, a former instructor in the Medical School and now located "Somewhere in the South Pacific" writes that among the best informed of his subordinates are five graduates of this school. It is good to know that the diligence of the Officers and Enlisted Instructors has not been in

The proverbial needle in the hay stack is comparable to a sore thumb when it comes to finding a detachment member now that all are living in separate barracks. Too bad we cannot revive the good old days when T-42 game room held the interest of all.

Most all members of the Headquarters detachment have decide to drill these days. Seems though the Supply carries on with the old tradition of the four o'clock rush.

Now that Cpl. Henry O. Pezzella is convalescing nicely from a recent operation he is once again handing out aliases.

It is very gratifying to know that the new class has more Camp Grant men and fewer from the Air Corps. No personal grudges held but the sight of the Wings seems to make them a bit flighty.

Capt. L. E. Baldwins' recent rapid improvement in his tennis game eloquently reveals the able coaching of his understudy, First Lieutenant J. Levine.

With the closing of the Pharmacy School, T/5 Jack Halliwell has once again become a student digging in diligently under the superb tutorship of S/Sgt. Harris Hitt.

The late sleepers among the Headquarters Detachment made recordbreaking speed in getting out of bed to make the Sunday morning meeting. The perpetrators allow the meeting accomplished its purpose

The Surgical School softball teams are mowing them down throughout the schedule. There has been one defeat for the B team only because they had to play the Surgical A team. We are all hoping that the enthusiasm can be maintained and other sports added to the athletic program soon.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Eleanor Poskus, whose mother passed away last Monday in Omaha, Nebraska. Eleanor went to her home in Omaha to be with her father and a brother. She has another brother now serving in the Army overseas.

Smiling Sgt. Jack Craig is at the Commissary's cash register again "ringing up" for the many friends he gained during the time he served as Storekeeper several months ago. During his absence from the Commissary, Jack was working in the Post Motor Pool.

M/Sgt. Charles Brechtel. Chief Clerk of the Procurement, Storage & Issue Branch, has been "showing San Francisco to visiting friends from Oregon. Sgt. Brechtel is a native of Eugene, Oregon, and is still proud of the fair city as of metropolitan San Francisco. . . .

Property's T/Sgt. Jim Larney is voted best "joke-teller" in the QM Corps. He can "give out" with the most suitable for any occasion.

They say the Post Exchange sold out their Kleenex to the saddened women in the Salvage & Reclamation Shop last Saturday when Mrs. Belle Waite, seamstress, left. Mrs. Waite has been in ill health for some time, and will retire from work indefinitely.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

Tuesday and Wednesday July 20 and 21

THE DESPERADOES - Randolph Scott-Clair Trevor. Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday July 22 and 23

THE MOON IS DOWN-Cedric Hardwicke-Dolores Bowden. Also Short Subjects and News.

Saturday and Sunday July 24 and 25

COMMANDOS STRIKE AT DAWN-Paul Muni-Phyllis Gish. at such and such an hour. Also Short Subjects and News.

A WALKER WHO MAKES IT HIS JOB TO SEE THAT EVERYONE RIDES



MR. GEORGE H. WALKER The Miracle Man of the Transportation Office.

the rail and water transportation Mr. Walker for details as to how it needs of this command were arranged for by one man-Mr. Ernest Jakobs-who was the whole department. Then with the expansion of the army and the ensuing war that department spread out in space and personnel to supervise the increase in the demands for service.

In looking about for a capable assistant Mr. Jakobs was fortunate when his eye lighted on the person of Mr. George Walker, who since 1941 has been the man to attend to the multitudious details of convoys in and out, baggage in and out, freight in and out, patients in and out, and duty personnel in and out.

So well has Mr. Walker developed his special technique along these lines that in these days of crowded trains, planes, and buses he seems to be the sole resource when occasion arises for a speedy trip out of town. It is not yet known whether he has a secret method of expanding space on pullmans or railroad coaches but it is quite common for a potential passenger to be told in all the languages (including the Scandinavian) there is no space, there will be no space, there never was any space, on any particular plane, train, or bus, and then-George Walker steps into the picture. Voila! The berth, seat, or compartment you seek will be ready

For more than twenty-five years secrets so we have never pressed is done. Altho we do have our private opinion that much of his success is due to his personality. He is the type of man who makes one feel that it is a privilege to do things for him. On his part he never says "no" to any request until long after he has gone into every phase to make certain there is no other answer.

His ability to dig up space on transportation lines is probably the result of his long experience as a research worker in digging up historical facts. In that capacity he has uncovered heaps and heaps of New England history and for four years prior to joining our staff he delved into the past history of our beloved San Francisco. We should explain the New England activity with the information that he was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, a circumstance over which he had no control, but he did come west to this sunny clime just as soon as he was able to make his own decisions.

We have never seen Mr. Walker pull a rabbit out of a hat, hence cannot say whether or not he is eligible for the Magicians' Association, but his superior prowess in picking up space in all forms of transportation puts him a notch above any magician.

George Walker who helps every-Every man is entitled to his trade one to ride is a mere miracle man. wish him much success.

Last week members of the 717th had the opportunity to hear Bishop John A. Gregg, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, whose timely and instructive talk presented a vivid picture of the fast changing conditions throughout the country. Many of our group received indirect word from relatives and friends throughout the extensive travels of the Bishop.

Congratulations are in order for Theodore D. Bartlett and Cecil Brown, promoted to Corporals, two very deserving and ambitious young men. All of the organization wishes them good luck and many more stripes.

The natural competitive spirit of the boys has developed some skillful billiard and straight pool players. These boys are no Willie Hoppes but are fast becoming proficient in the game; they are Albert Linton, Joseph Gilliard, Howard Franklin, George Redix, Ambrose Jackson and Dan Bell.

Dependable men in responsible positions are always in demand. The following men can qualify for that distinction: Privates Persie W. Lee, Elzie Jones, Solomon I., Hill, Julius Nelson, Howard Franklin and John

SCOOP!!! That very popular fellow, Private Curtis D. Howard, is now the proud Papa of six pound Barbara Marie, born July 12th. Mother and daughter are doing splendidly.

The upper bracket of the 717th, namely those staff sergeants, have gone fish crazy once again. But the fish are still wish and refuse to accept the shrimp which costs a mere seventy cents a pound.

Our bouquet this week goes to S/Sgt. Elmore L. Anderson. A young man with several years of army experience behind him, and an overseas trip to his credit, Sgt. Anderson was connected with clerical and administrative work in civilian life and stayed with this work upon entering the army, rising steadily from the ranks to the present position. He is capable and a thorough individual. His keen and retentive mind is an asset to the company. We know that his star is rising and

OUR CAMERAMAN



MERLIN S. HOOPER

Our cameraman of the week is a native Californian. Merlin S. Hooper was born in Berkeley, California on June 26, 1942. He attended school there and while at Berkeley High School he took pictures as a "hobby," and so successfully that it was not long before he started free lancing for commercial concerns. A major part of this work entailed legal photography.

After receiving his diploma from high school, Private Hooper entered the photographic business in a Berkeley shop, where he acted as assistant manager, in addition to his duties as Commercial Photographer and salesman. His plan to enter the University of California was curtailed when he was inducted into the Army on February 23, 1943.

Although only nineteen years of age, Private Hooper's broad experience in photography qualified him to be assigned to the Signal Corps Photographic Laboratory in the Presidio. His chief duties are dark room technique and assignment work, the latter consisting of miscellaneous shots, such as publicity, historical records, and identification photos.

"Hap" Hooper, as he is popularly known, (and one look at his smiling countenance is all one needs to understand why he has been dubbed "Hap") is ambitious and plans to continue his work in photography after the war and expects to concentrate on industrial work.

"THEY GIVE THEIR LIVES—YOU LEND YOUR MONEY"

Buy More War Bonds Today



THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Commencing with the pay period starting July 1st., we enter a new era in American taxation. In place of the usual quarterly lump sums, we now have a monthly deduction system. The 20 per cent deduction employed in this plan applies to our wages after exemptions have been taken out of our pay, which in many cases amounts to as little as 7 per cent, and in no case exceeds 12 per cent. It is easily seen that the increase in our taxes is not as great as war originally expected. In fact our tax levies are a great deal less than the burden borne by the peoples of our Allied Nations. From time to time we have heard of people earning \$200.00 and receiving only \$100.00, a tax of 50 per cent. We bear no such burden and so our new tax plan should not interfere with our purchase of War Bonds. There is no second choice. Our government needs money to press this war to it's proper end and if we do not supply the money through War Bond purchases we'll have to have it taken away from us through taxes.

In purchasing War Bonds we have something to show for our alleged sacrifices. We have something material that will, with age, become worth more than it's original value. We are gaining dividends with each investment. Taxes, however, leave us with an empty feeling and a valueless receipt. Have something to show for your efforts. Buy War Bonds through the Payroll Reservation Plan.

The Wolf

by Sansone



Bendix Washers Put Our Keglers Thru Wringers Thrice

After four weeks of winning tournament games disaster fell on the Letterman Bowling team as they went down to a three-game defeat at the hands of the Bendix Washers in the 890 Classic League at the Bagdad Bowling Alley.

All three games were close throughout, with the winners 13 pins ahead at the end of the first game and 12 pins for the second and third games. The cleaners totaled games of 929, 870 and 888 for the three game total of 2,687, as compared with the Medics' games of 916, 858, and 876 to total 2,650.

Sgt. Henry Kuntz was high bowler for the Medics with a total pinnage of 571, followed by Corporal Frank Marano with a 551. Sgt. Wilcox and Sgt. Davis totaled 517 and 515 respectively. Sgt. Yohe was low bowler for the evening with a 486 triple.

Sgt. Henry Kuntz finished fourth in the Service Men's Bowling Championship held at the Golden Gate Bowling Alleys last Saturday night when he totaled 1,177 for six games, 28 pins out of first place, losing the championship in the last game when he knocked out three straight splits for his lowest score of the evening. He was in the lead going into the last game and soon lost it by splits. Sgt. Emil Wacker of the Fourth Army won first place after coming from behind in the last game picking up a 69 pin lead from Corporal Moriarity of Chicago.

This match was for the Championship of the Armed Forces of the West Coast and was picked from the best bowlers of each organization. Eighteen bowlers participated and were from all over the country.

Results of Last Evening's Series:

BENDIX WASHERS-

MANAGEMENT TO SERVICE	22400				
W. Watson	181	185	183—	549	
J. Hroza	189	157	197—	543	
A. Hagerty	163	148	140-	451	
M. Lovestad	169	190	162-	511	
R. Evans	227	190	206-	623	

Totals 929 870 888-2687

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL—

Yohe	151	175	160- 486
Wilcox	202	147	168 517
Davis	178	178	159— 515
Marano	192	180	169— 551
Kuntz	193	178	200- 571
Totals	916	858	876—2650

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Mail Going Through To Prisoners of War Held in Jap Camps

The American Red Cross has announced that there is substantial evidence that letters written by the next of kin to American prisoners held in Japanese prison camps have been received by them in considerable number.

The greatest assurance rests in the fact that relatives within the last week have received letters from prisoners held in Japan acknowledging receipt of mail.

Among these was Mrs. Royal C. Johnson of Washington who received a letter from her son, Lieut. Harlan T. Johnson, Navy aviator, held in Zentsuji Prison Camp, Japan. Writing to his wife and his mother he said: "I have received six of your letters. It is impossible to say what letters mean to us here. It is such a grand pleasure that it hurts at first. Then you read, re-read and re-read the letters until you are again happily at home."

The American Red Cross urges next of kin to continue writing regularly to imprisoned members of their families, even though they may not yet have had a reply from the Far East. The delegate of the International Red Cross Committee in Japan has notified the American Red Cross that many thousands of letters have been delivered to the Americans as well as other United Nations prisoners held in the Far East.

The mail route has been long and difficult, but the American Red Cross announces that a new and faster route has been opened only during the past month.

Relatives are requetsed to follow closely directions issued regarding the proper addressing of mail to prisoners of war. Publication ARC 316, available at all local Red Cross chapters, gives full directions.



SCRAP RECORD DRIVE

Is inaugurated at Letterman Hospital with Sgt. Helen Young, WAC., and 2nd Lieut. Ann Ghormley, ANC., presenting first scrap records to Pvt. Clarence Hendricks and Cpl. James Tucker. The American Legion is sponsoring the drive in California.

QUARTERMASTER REPAIRS EXTEND LIFE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE FOR ARMY

OAKLAND, July 3rd.-Rapid development at the recently announced California Quartermaster Repair Sub-Depot in Oakland has stepped up operations to where the output of two average days saves the Army more money on critical supplies than the installation's operating costs for a month. Current receipts of military clothing and equipment overflowed from Quartermaster repair shops in camps on the Pacific Coast and as far east as New Mexico and Montana and from overseas bases indicate that the repair activities will require about double the present capacity at this new set-up. It is operated by California Quartermaster Depot under the Quartermaster General.

Getting the ultimate utility from every article of Quartermaster clothing and equipment and at the same time reducing the demands for new materials, particularly those of which the supply stocks are critical, are objectives of the California Quartermaster Repair Sub-Depot.

A good illustration of the money and material saving is furnished by 3,600 Army overcoats received in unserviceable condition through fair wear from troops. Net cost of the item new to the Army was \$12.82 each. The repair sub-depot in Oakland, for an average cost of slightly less than \$2.00 per garment, placed every overcoat of the shipment in condition where it looks and will

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New Policy for the Promotion to High Announced by W. D.

The story that once upon a time was making the rounds of Washington about the messenger boy who went into the Pentagon Building on a Friday afternoon to deliver a telegram and emerged on Monday a lieutenant colonel might have been true but probably was not even at that time. But from now on it comes under the head of "It could not happen here or there."

A new policy has been established by the War Department governing the promotion officers in the Army of the United States to the grades of colonel and lieutenant colonel and some of our ambitious younger officers will have to wait a little longer to wear the eagles on their shoulder loops.

Under the new policy an officer must "have clearly demonstrated his qualifications for the higher grade for a period of at least three months immediately prior to recommendation for promotion, by actual occupation of a position and the performance of duties appropriate to the grade." In addition, no officer will be promoted until he has served a minimum period of time in the next lower grade.

Henceforth except for officers who have clearly demonstrated fitness for promotion by outstanding performance, in actual combat, no officer will be promoted until he shall have served the minimum period in the next lower grade as follows: For promotion to the grade of colonel, 12 months, and for promotion to the grade of lieutenant colonel, nine months.

The rapid promotions which have given our jokesters such a varied source of humor are apparently a thing of the past and the signs in

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LGH FIREMEN READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY CALL

"On November 28, 1942, in a night club fire at Boston, Massachusetts, 493 persons were burned and trampled to death and another 172 persons injured—many very seriously." The story goes on to say that adequate emergency fire exits were not available; combustible materials were used for decorations; the public became panic stricken and jammed the one small exit in an attempt to vacate the building.

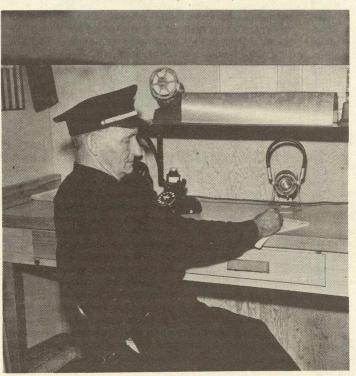
Such examples-though not common in the magnitude of the Boston fire-are too common among the civilian populace of the country. In 1941 fire losses announced by the National Board of Fire Underwriters was \$323,000,000 and nearly that much was reported in 1942. To prevent such astronomical figures being charged against the United States Army through fire losses due to carelessness, elaborate plans and equipment and extensive drills for military personnel have become mandatory for all units. Letterman Hospital is no exception and under the Commanding General, Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, a closely supervised and efficient fire fighting unit has been organized.

A new structure at Lettermanthe Letterman Fire House has William Dineen as Fire Chief at Letterman. Formerly stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco Fire House, he is in charge of personnel and equipment here and has had the experience and training necessary to efficiently operate this unit. He is a retired Captain of the Omaha, Nebraska Fire Department, where he served for twenty-four years. In that period of time he became acquainted with every known type of fire and methods for combatting these fires. As Chief Dineen expresses it, "not only have I spent a quarter of century fighting fires but I have a cousin who is at present Fire Chief in Omaha and also another cousin, a fire Captain, fighting fires in Nebraska." So the new fire chief really comes from a fire fighting family.

Two complete shifts of enlisted men, one of which is on duty every twenty four hours, are assigned to the new fire station. The "A" shift is composed of: Corporal Guy E. Dean, Shift Captain, who is also Non Commissioned Officer in charge of all duty personnel at the fire house; Private Edward J. Heckman, Driver; Technician Fifth Grade



LETTERMAN FIREMEN IN ACTION
Left to right: Pvt. William Sears, Pvt. Edward Heckman and
Cpl. Guy Dean.



WILLIAM DINEEN

Chief of Letterman Fire Department checks a drill fire alarm which has just come over the automatic alarm system.

James C. Howell, Junior Driver; and Privates First Class William C. Sears and Frederic Stedman, Hoseman. The "B" shift is composed of: Technician Fifth Grade Richard H. Nyman, Shift Captain; Private First Class Alfred A. Silva, Driver; Technician Fifth Grade Frank Pumilia, Junior Driver; Technician Fifth Grade and Private Maurice Cauffet and Tommie Mitchell, respectively, Hoseman.

These men, while regular soldiers in the Army, have been carefully trained by Chief Dineen in the fighting of every known type of fire, and represent a smooth working and efficient group.

Enough hose to pump water from the bay and carry it to the main hospital is one of the many features of this modern unit. And regular "dry run" drills are weekly events to help keep the crew on its toes in case an emergency should arise. Two modern engine pumps are strategically located on the hospital grounds to be used in case pressure on the water mains should fall off or the mains themselves be broken.

Another recent addition to the Letterman fire fighting facilities has been the addition of four twenty-five thousand gallon water cisterns which have been installed in various places on the post and these cisterns will insure adequate water supply at all times, regardless of any difficulties which arise in the regular system.

The speed with which the fire fighters report to fires or during fire drills is amazing. Drills have proved that a simulated fire in the Administration Building could be reached and a stream of water playing on it in 90 seconds. This is from a "bed start" . . . which means that the men must not only get the truck and equipment started and on the way but must climb out of bed and into clothes at the start. Speed is the byword of the unit, and to arrive at the fire in a minimum of time is the foremost aim.

To keep equipment in the best of working order, Fire Chief Dineen inspects it systematically and often. This includes all equipment at the station, water main outlets, cisterns and all other equipment on the post which are instrumental in the prevention and control of fires. The Chief states that he is pleased with the aggressive spirit of his crew

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MORE ABOUT L. G. H. FIRE STATION

(Continued on page three) and the determined efforts they have put forth to maintain the high standards required by the Army.

A signal system connecting Letterman with the Presidio and Fort Scott gives the added protection of having two additional units available in an emergency, as the system records the location and size of the fire and the number of trucks and crews required to combat it. This system is completely automatic and contains a reserve unit which will operate in the event of a power failure.

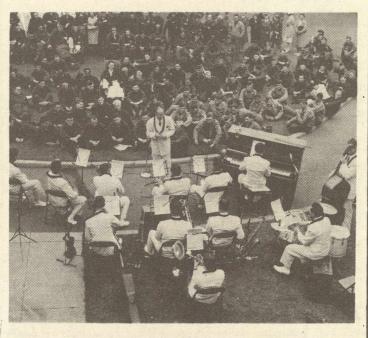
Chief Dineen points out that, while the best equipment available is ready to combat fires, cooperation of the military and civilian personnel on the post is necessary, and a few preventative measures will do a great deal to reduce the damage, loss of life, and delay to the war effort which accompanies fire. A few excellent precautions in the prevention of fire are:

- Care with smoking, ashes and rubbish, particularly in wooded or brushy areas.
- 2. Make sure matches are out; break in two before throwing away.
- 3. Be on the lookout for fire when vehicles are driven into high grass; high dry grass can ignite from the exhaust.
- 4. Do not smoke or light matches in the vicinity of gasoline installations.
- Never leave an open fire unattended, even for a short period of time.
 - 6. Use only safety matches.
- 7. Never throw lighted cigarettes or cigars into brush leaves or dry grass; always tramp stubs and pipe ashes into the soil when discarding them while in or near woods.
- 8. Take necessary steps to see that dry grass and other inflammable matter is cleared at all times from the immediate vicinity of all structures.
- Children should not be permitted to build fires or play with matches in wooded and grassy areas.

The fire drills that are held at Letterman are methods of prevention and preparedness that goes hand in hand with the new fire station. Enlisted men stationed on various posts are in excellent positions to cooperate with a fire fighting unit, and give the most complete coverage of the post at all times.



Following the concert by Harry Owens and his Royal Hawaiians in the hospital patio. The patient on the left who wants an autograph is Cpl. Abraham Falik but the patient who is getting all the attention is Pfc. Oliver C. Pilkenton.



HARRY OWENS AND HIS ROYAL HAWAIIANS
As they appeared in the hospital patio for a concert enjoyed
by almost one hundred percent of personnel. It was by far
the most popular program of the season from the number
in attendance.

More About OUARTERMASTER REPAIR

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wear like new and be as serviceable as new products costing \$12.82. The government's saving on re-issuing these reconditioned coats will be more than \$36,000. And that is just one lot of one item. The sub-depot processes more than 400 different items.

During the period March 18 to June 30, 1943, the California Quartermaster Repair Sub-Depot received 1,203,489 articles. Of these, 256,561 articles were, during the same period, repaired and made available for reissue through proper channels. Most of these repairs were made during June.

Processing of clothing alone now averages approximately 10,000 articles per day. No sections of this new installation are operating at the anticipated full strength due to delays in getting adequate personnel trained, equipment installed, and proper operating space. All of these handicaps are being overcome. The repair sections of the sub-depotare:

- (a) Clothing and textile.
- (b) Metal and wood-work.
- (c) Mattress and pillow.
- (d) Webbing and canvas.
- (e) Tentage.
- (f) Rubber goods and raincoats.

All employees first attend a school and while actually working are taught preparation, sizing, marking and repairing. The course is two weeks, with additional training if necessary.

The Stork Was Here

TO: S/Sgt. Donald F. Allison and Mrs. Allison, a daughter, Kathryn Lou, born July 16, 1943, weight seven pounds fourteen ounces.

TO: S/Sgt. James Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson, a daughter, Janie Lee, born July 17, 1943, weight seven pounds fourteen ounces.

TO: Sgt. Marvin W. Poole and Mrs. Poole, a son, Marvin Stone, born July 17, 1943, weight seven pounds four and one-half ounces.

TO: Captain Earle Mellett and Mrs. Mellett, a daughter, Judith Ann, born July 18, 1943, weight nine pounds.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

Sacrifice All But **Honor That Honor May Survive**

A call for equality of sacrifice and effort from all Americans was sounded the other day by Lieutenant General Brehon B. Somervell, Commander of the Army Service Forces. He said:

"First and last we must have unity. We must unite and we must remain united in the fierceness of our determination to carry on to victory, no mat-ter what the cost. We must unite and we must remain united in our willingness to sacrifice all except honor; in order that our honor may sur-

"We must cast out suspicion of each other and of our allies in this fight for freedom. We must remember always that it's the same war on the farm and in the factory, on the assembly line and on the battle line, in the homes of America and in the hot spots of far-away fight-

ing fronts.
"We dare not forget that there can be no personal profit for anyone-in money or in comfort or in fame. Each of us has his own small job to do. That job must be meshed into the stupendous job of saving the world from chaos and the peoples of the world from slavery.

"Only the united effort of every man and every woman, no matter where employed, can give us that victory. We must face this fact squarely."



This week's crop of nurses includes Lt. Louise Parrott, born in Newport, News, Va., May 4, 1914. She attended school and finished her nurse's training in Newport News. For three years following her graduation she was on private duty at the Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia. When the war broke out she decided to join the army. Her first assignment was Fort Belvoir, Bellevue, Virginia. Later she was transferred to New Caledonia, spending fifteen months overseas, part of which was spent traveling in Australia and New Zealand.

One thing which particularly impressed Lt. Parrott was the wonderful spirit of our men at Christmas-time. The officers and men cut down trees and trimmed them with the contents of the Red Cross boxes that had been sent over, celebrating the holiday season in the good, old, time-honored American way in spite of adverse conditions.

Lt Parrott still retains her 'southern accent," which is very intriguing, but which she claims was a detriment when she tried out her French on the natives, as they did not seem to be able to understand her, although she had no difficulty understanding them.

She says that all the nurses overseas wore men's clothing and learned to build fires that REALLY burned. After her experiences in the war zone she was sadly in need of a

Coming from Ray, North Dakota, where she was born and educated, Lt. Martha Soine has come to California for the first time . And by the way, she doesn't think California weather compares with that of Washington, where she trained at Columbus Hospital, Seattle. She has traveled quite extensively in the United States and is anxious to go

Lt. Soine claims Jun 7, 1919, as her birth date; likes to play tennis and swim, and is especially fond of

Another southern girl is Lt. Emily I. Reed, born in Meridian, Mississippi May 27, 1914. She went to school in Oakdale, Louisiana, and trained at St. Patrick's Hospital, Lake Charles,

Lt. Reed was first stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas. After six out of life that it has to offer.



The new "Sheriff"-Capt. Charles E. Wells-taking over the badge of office as the Provost Marshal-but no gun.

Major Leslie D. Snyder smoking a cigarette. Yes, we mean cigarette. * * *

Lt. Col. Oscar Nolan back from a fishing trip-and was his face red? * * *

Sgt. Stan Hasrato making a record for the OWI to send overseas. * * *

Pvt. Rufus R. Jones doing all right over on "G" after his bout with penumonia.

* * * Capt. Lemuel R. Williams looking for a better spot for his robot bugler. * * *

Sgt. Filbert J. Quiroz getting in his daily practice on the new electric organ.

Mr. Frederick F. Amandes, post associate engineer, giving his personal supervision to the task of resurfacing the post roads. Well done.

The drivers at the Post Garagealways on the job and always on call and always in good humor.

months was transferred to the 54th Evacuation Hospital, Fort Ord, California, where she remained until coming to Letterman. She is fond of hiking and enjoys music, particularly the kind you turn a knob and just listen to.

Lt. Coderre (Winifred R. to her friends) was born in Worcester, Massachusetts March 16, 1915. She attended school there and took her training at Worcester City Hospital. graduating in 1937, where she was on duty to March 1941 when she entered the Army. Camp Edwards was her first assignment before going overseas to New Caledonia.

Her overseas experience, she says, is one that she would not have missed for anything in the world. While it was not always pleasant many things stand out in her memory as priceless. One look at her face with its happy, interested expression is all that is needed to know that Lt. Coderre belongs to the forunate few who get everything

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

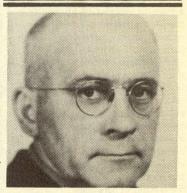
RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, July 25 In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Confessions before all Masses. Protestant Services. Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.



Chaplain MacNeil Is Ordered Home to **Await Retirement**

Chaplain Donald M. MacNeil, who has been assistant to the Post Chaplain for the past six months, has been ordered home to await retirement as the result of physical disability.

Chaplain MacNeil made many friends in the garrison during his service here and he will carry with him into civil life the best wishes of all who knew him here.

Two New Navy Ships Named in Honor of Heroic Chaplains

Two escort vessels, named for the first two Navy chaplains to die in this war, have been added to the United States fleet. They are the U.S.S. Kirkpatrick and the U.S.S. Schmitt.

Chaplain Thomas L. Kirkpatrick was the Presbyterian padre who died, with many of his men, when the U.S.S. Arizona was blown up at Pearl Harbor.

Chaplain A. H. Schmitt was the Catholic chaplain who heroically gave his own life to enable others of his men to crawl through a small porthole from the capsized U.S.S. Oklahoma after the Pearl Harbor

BUCK OF THE WEEK



PVT. JOSEPH CARLOTTI

The town of Pismo Beach, California is the birthplace of Pvt. Joseph Carlotti, our Buck of the Week. Born on May 23, 1925 Carlotti lived in Pismo Beach until he was nine years old, when he and his family moved to Gaudalupe, California.

At Guadalupe our Buck finished grade school, and then went to Santa Maria High School, where he played football, baseball, and was an excellent softball player.

An industrious individual, Carlotti worked at night during his high school days, learning the motion picture operator business. He soon was employed by the Royal Theatre in Guadalupe.

He was an employee of this theatre for one year before becoming manager and operator of the Grande, California. Managing and operating a theatre is a large order for a young man, but our Buck carried on successfully and operated the theatre with an efficient and capable hand.

However, Uncle Sam decided that Joseph Carlotti should become a man in khaki, and Joe left the theatre business on March 4, 1943 and became a buck private in the United States Army.

Pvt. Carlotti has been assigned to the radio room of the E and R and his initiative and ability have won him a high place among his fellow soldiers. He also operates the sixteen milimeter movie projectors about the post, showing training films for both officers and men.

Pvt. Carlotti feels at home in the Service, as he has one brother who is in the Army and one brother who is in the Navy. His parents, who still live in Guadalupe, expect to have the various branches of the Service well represented when their sons return home.

THE SERVICES OF SUPPLY

(Now the "Army Service Forces")

By Berton Braley

("The job of the S.O.S. is a headache."—General Brehon B. Somervell)

There's little of glamour or glory in
The Services of Supply,
And yet you can read our story in
The land and the sea and sky.
For the ships on the ocean thoroughfare,
The men on the ground and the planes in air
Are moved, provisioned and fueled there
By Services of Supply.

What's the S. O. S.?
It is chow at mess,
It is grease for the Army's gears;
It is tanks, guns, jeeps
And it's mountain-heaps
Of bombs for the bombardiers.

Time was, a fellow was safer with
The Services of Supply.

But now, it's US that they lay for with
Whatever can shoot or fly.

For the enemy knows if he pounds us flat
The boys at the front can't get to bat.
So he's always banging and whanging at
The Services of Supply.

In the S. O. S.

We must take it, yes,

Though it's nothing to gripe about,

For it is just our chore;

But we DO get sore

That we never can dish it out!

Our columns are columns of numbers in Processions that trample by,
Endlessly wrecking our slumbers in
The moments we shut an eye;
We dream of bullets and beef and beans,
Of socks, shells, woolens and gabardines
Which we gotta total on adding machines
In the Services of Supply.

Oh, the S. O. S.
Is a dizziness
And a headache. We seldom win
Any great reward,
But—praise the Lord
And pass us the aspirin!

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ON THE SPOT



ELWOOD CARPENTER Private Infantry

Private Elwood Carpenter, a tall, quiet soldier, born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, fills the bill this week as our candidate for ON THE SPOT.

Private Carpenter spent his youth in this mining center and attended Paxton High School, where he took a general course of study; he also played on the school basketball team, and since his school days has followed this sport with great interest and enthusiasm. After leaving school in 1932 he went to work for the Central Iron Company, near Harrisburg, being employed as a metal shearer and remaining with this mining company for the next fourteen years, in fact until he received an urgent invitation from Uncle Sam to enter the Army.

On January 6, 1942 Private Carpenter was drafted and sent to Camp Wheeler, Georgia, where he was given a thirteen weeks' basic training course. From here he was attached to an infantry outfit at Indian Gap, Pennsylvania, which was moving to the west coast. Following this he was sent to Guadalcanal where he stayed for three months at which time he was sent back to the States. His stay on Guadalcanal, however, was very uneventful, he says, for when his outfit arrived the island had already been taken over by the Allies and the only fighting was done in the air.

Before the war he had two hobbies—skating and bowling—both of which he hopes to resume at an early date, but at present he is a patient on Ward O-1.

When the world is at peace again, Private Carpenter is looking forward to returning to his native state and picking up where he left off.

A welcome is extended the following men who joined the detachment during the week: Staff Sergeants Salvatore V. Quartararo and Joe Ruiz de Esparza; Technician Third Grade Leo R. Beaudreault; Technicians Fourth Grade Joseph D. Sieff, James Jones, Jr., Worrell M. Maxwell, Hubert Dillard, Jr., Ygnacio O. Lugo and Edward M. Riley; Corporals Richard D. McCombe and William T. Swan and Private First Class Salvadore J. Concilla.

Good luck to Privates Jesse F. Millsop, Warren B. Goreham, Charles A. Pottorf and Theodore Samore. who left the detachment this week.

Three men left the detachment last week to attend Army Specialized Training. They are: Sgt. Frederick S. Jensen, T/5th Grade Wilver W. Wessel and Pvt. David M. Coleman. Much success to these men.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Donald Allison learning to make old arches into new-in three easy lessons.

Although it is rationed, S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein still insists on smoking rubber in his pipe.

Sgt. Adolph Gaydos giving a graphic description of his trip to "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

Sgt. Caesar Michelotti of "Charge of Quarters" inspecting barracks instead of steaks.

S/Sgt. Earle Libbey looking natural in whites again.

S/Sgt. Merle C. West whipping his softball team into shape and win the league with ease.

Cpl. William G. O'Brien keeping fencing very much alive in the minds of several detachment members.

Sgt. Edward Arnaiz keeping things in fine order at the Officers' Club.

T/Sgt. Wm. Muhic and T/4th Grade Ray "Magee" Edmondson 'still a feudin' and both of them gaining weight on the strength of it. Tsh! Tsh!-too much coffee, fellows.

Sgt. Salyer E. Reed, Jr., explaining how he improves his health on a steady diet of night duty.

T/3rd Grade Charles Wilcox proving that as a technician he can fix anything-and doing it.

Electrician Sgt. Jay Connell up to his ears in figures but never too busy to oblige.

HERE'S THAT PROMISED PHOTO FROM ANN SHERIDAN VIA BILL GILLASPY



ANN SHERIDAN

BATHTUBS AND MILKSHAKES THRILL ARMY NURSES BACK FROM SO. PACIFIC

plumbing and chocolate milkshakes were the objects of a city "spree" when forty-four Army Nurses ar- Askit, Rodgers, MacGregor. Then rived here after sixteen months in we had a couple of parrots, a pair the South Pacific. They were stattioned on New Caledonia, the much in love, two cats and one Hebrides and Fiji Islands and in billy goat." already predicting that they will Auckland and Melbourne, Australia.

They got a thrill out of light switches in hotel rooms, bath tubs and upholstered chairs. They hadn't shopped for so long, they insisted on carrying each package separately instead of in one large bundle-"just to get the feel of packages again."

"It's the first time in months and months we've been able to walk on real rugs, or sit in real upholstered exclaimed Lieut. Joan Douglas, Philadelphia. "Boy, this is simply wonderful!"

"On New Caledonia we lived in Army tents," Lieut. Hettie Hopkins, Goode, Virginia, recalled. "But they weren't bad. One of the boys built a little white picket fence around ours, and it was homey."

"Between three and five of us man."

San Francisco-Shopping, modern | lived in a tent," she continued. "Each tent had a dog for a pet. The dogs went by a variety of names: of love birds, who weren't very

Baths were terrible, according to Lient. Constance Finney of Philadelphia. "We bathed in a sheltered place up the river. But we had to bathe in pairs. One of us would take some leaves and fan the other to keep from getting eaten up with mosquitoes."

MORE ABOUT NEW POLICY

(Continued from Page One) so many officers clubs which announced that no lieutenant colonel would be served a drink unless accompanied by his parents will soon be passe.

The army is going back to the days when the colonel commanding might rightfully be called "the old

Playwrite Contest Is Open to Service Members: 50 Prizes

A playwriting contest, with fiftyeight cash prizes for the best manuscripts, has been announced by the Special Service Branch of the United States Army. Sponsored by the National Theater Conference, the contest is open to men and women in all branches of the Armed Service

The contest offers an opportunity for undiscovered talent, for promising authors are to be recommended by the judges for postwar fellowships and scholarships, offered as additional prizes by leading American colleges and universities.

Following is the list of cash prizes offered:

Three prizes, one of \$100.00, and two of \$50.00 each, for LONG PLAYS, running time of which should be one and one-half to two

Fifty prizes, of \$10.00 each, for short SKITS and BLACKOUTS, running time of which should be one to ten minutes.

One prize, of \$100.00, to be divided among the authors for a MUSICAL COMEDY, the running time of which should be one to two hours.

The terms of the contest are:

- 1. The contest is open to everyone in the armed services, including those in theaters of operation over-
- 2. No limitation is placed upon the subject matter, content, or form of the plays, although subjects related to life in the service are to be preferred. Manuscript must be originals, and must not have been published or produced prior to January 1, 1943. There is no limit to the number of manuscripts an author may submit.
- 3. Manuscripts must be typed or written in a legible hand on only one side of the paper. The sheets should be bound together, the cover on top page being marked clearly with the title of the play, the author's name, and his address. Since the National Theater Conference will not be responsible for lost manuscripts, it is suggested that two copies of each play be mailed to the Central Office, in case one is misplaced in the process of administering the competition. No manuscript will be returned to the owner, unless it is accompanied by adequate postage and a specific request.

O. M. NEWS

Lucile Glover has been "fascinating" again. One morning she reported to work in the Commissary wearing a yellow "fascinator" that draped lazily over her deep red hair. Later, she was seen with a Kelly-Green one, and now is "fascinating" with frothy-white. Lucile's auburn-red hair blends beautifully with the high-colored head dress, and when she fascinates with a "fascinator"look out boys!

Betty Cammel seems to be able to take over most any job in case of emergency. She is now bearing the duties of Eleanor Poskus, who left for Omaha, Nebraska upon hearing of the death of her mother. Betty has been at Letterman since 1936, and in the Government service a total of nine years. Two of the nine years she spent at the Bureau of War Risk Insurance in Washington, D. C.

PFC Charles "Bizz" Bissonnetti, who has worked in the Commissary for over six months, has returned after visiting his family in Boston, Massachusetts.

Ross Wells of the Print Shop hurried to the bedside of his sister in Jackson, California, when he received an emergency call that she is very ill.

As time goes by, we say farewell to many fellow-workers, but none is as difficult as saving it to charming Beryl Nelson, who so ably has been handling the secretarial work in the Office of the Director, Supply & Service Division. Beryl is leaving July 31st for her home in Brigham, Utah to be with her mother.

Wedding Bells

At a quiet ceremony held in the Post Chapel on Monday morning of this week, Pfc. Ernest A. Besson, a member of the Medical Detachment of this hospital, was united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Malvena B. French, of Belgrade, Maine.

Sgt. Manuel Gonzales and Lieut. Ann B. Bakalar were the official witnesses for the ceremonies.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING WHAT HAPPENED TO BRIGGS-READ DOWN



DALE R. BRIGGS Second Lieutenant, Med. Adm. Corps.

For a long time the query "what | claims-he decided that the field happened to Sgt. Briggs, you know, down around Santa Barbara, Calithe fellow who used to work in the fornia looked much greener so he Chaplain's Office back in 1940 and '41" was a rather common one. We were forced to admit that we didn't know: and the question had remained a moot one for sometime. However to prove that "silence can be golden," was demonstrated last week when into the office walked the long lost Dale R. Briggs, as big as life, and sporting the gold in the form of Second Lieutenant's bars. When we recovered from our surprise, we decided that should we again be asked, "where is Sgt. Briggs, you know, the fellow who used to work in the Chaplain's office," we would have an answer. So we proceeded to ask him where he had been and what he had been doing since February of 1941 when Office and the Chaplains Office durhe left Letterman.

He said that when he left Letterman he transferred to Fort Mason in the rank of Sergeant and was promoted shortly thereafter to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served for nearly one year and a half on transport duty. After many trips overseas-and all uneventful so he Freewater, Oregon.

applied for transfer to the Hoff General Hospital and there was assigned to duty as mess sergeant. He remained there until August, 1942.

With those two gold bars he now wears in mind he left for Camp Barkley, Texas, to attend Officer Candidate School, Medical Administrative Corps; and he graduated from school just three months later. He was attached to an Air Force unit and has been stationed in the vicinity of Walla Walla, Washington since that time.

To compete the story, Lieut. Briggs first arrived at Letterman on April 25, 1939. He served here until February of 1941 and his duties were confined entirely to the Receiving ing that time.

His report on the Army since he was promoted to the new rank of commissioned officer is all good. and he states that he is happy to be stationed in the northwest because it is much closer to his home town,

The organization has stepped up its training schedule, schools, drills, and as a result the entire unit has taken on a smart and alert appearance. The timing and precision is excellent and the eagerness of the different squads to excel is very commendable. We have a great deal of pride in the 1943 version of the

These fortunates are enjoying Los Angeles on fifteen-day furloughs. They are Cpl. Theodore D. Bartlett and Pfcs. Rufus A. Felder and Walter McCullough. (We wish them much merriment and lots of good clean fun). Sgt. Charles Sides, Old Reliable, is also on furlough down "St. Looie Way."

Private and Mrs. Floyd Hunter received a visit from the stork and a bouncing seven pound son was their bundle from Heaven. (Congrats and cigars are in order).

Pvt. Minor Jones, (to a group of new-comers):

"You will soldier and like it; you will work and like it; you will hike and like it; but, brother, this sure beats the free world (meaning civilian life) where the air costs at least fifty cents a smell without the trimmings."

OVERHEARD WHILE PASSING:

A group of 717th intellectuals discussing the sciences, with special stress on etomology and zoology. (Tsk! Tsk! We hope the company is not going to the bugs or dogs."

THE BEST NEWS OF THE WEEK:

The possibility that Lt. Samuel G. Chadman will rejoin the company and continue his splendid work training men. The entire organization will be eager to welcome him home. We hope by the time this goes to press that the possibility will have become a fact.

Our bouquet this week goes to 717th Company. Word has come from several civic organizations and people that our group deportment, dress, and general behavior, is exemplary; that our soldiers are singled out for invitations, parties, forums, trips, and general activities because-"they know how to conduct themselves." This is one of the greatest tributes paid to the company as a unit. The officers, staff, and men thank you.

OUR CAMERAMAN



T/4th Gr. David J. Sirkus

T/4th David J. Sirkus, was born in the country's greatest metropolis, New York City, and claims to be a real New Yorker. He completed his education there, and while loyal to the advantages offered by his home town, he felt that other cities would offer him a better field for his talents, so he moved to Washington, D. C. He was employed by one of the largest and best known portrait studios, and in one year advanced from assistant photographer to manager of the entire organization, and supervisor of all personnel.

The long arm of Uncle Sam handed Sgt. Sircus his "greetings" and he was inducted into the first draft in Washington, D. C. Assigned first to the Coast Artillery, he served there until a year ago when he was transferred to the Army Signal Corps.

His experience in all types of photography was advantageous to his work in the Signal Corps. Being versatile in all departments, Sgt. Sirkus is able to work on any job assigned to him, and carry on in all phases of photography. However, his chief duties are production manager and assistant chief of the laboratory. His fellow-workers have a great deal of respect for his various abilities and consider him an asset to the organization.

When the war is won, Sgt. Sirkus plans to specialize in portrait photography. His experiences in the Signal Corps will aid him no end and the wide experience that he is attaining in this varied photographic field will be invaluable in his future vocation.

Sgt. Sirkus lists as his favorite hobby photographing a beautiful model, Mrs. David Sirkus, who, besides being photogenic, thinks her husband is a top-flight cameraman.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

The most common excuse given by the non-purchaser of War Bonds is "I can't afford to." Using this phrase as a spring board, the individual plunges into a long explanation and even though the reasons given are diversified, they all add up to the same thing. Our figures show that one out of every four Civilian Employees at this Hospital is a "drone." One out of every four is a worker in name only. Under present conditions, to put in eight hours on the job is not enough. Investment in War Bonds is just as important as the work you do, in some instances, more important. So, basically, there is no excuse for not buying War Bonds. Every man's troubles, in his eyes, are the greatest in the world. But stacked up against the trials and tribulations of our men at the battle fronts, they shrink to miserable proportions. What is an additional tax deduction when compared to a limb or a life lost forever? Yet, the day that the Civilian Employees of this organization heard that the "Pay as you go" tax plan was to go into effect, many rushed madly to the War Bond Office to cancel their payroll deductions. This sort of action on the part of the sta-at-homes does not sit too well with the men fighting for us. They jeopardize their lives daily for us and ask, in return, nothing more than equipment necessary to defend us and our free right to earn and spend our money as we see fit. Let's spend a little on them. Give up that new hat or that new radio you were going to buy and treat some boy overseas to a brand new rifle. BUY WAR BONDS on the payroll reservation plan.

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Modern Cleaners Do An Up To Date Job On Our Keglers

A first class dry-cleaning was received by the Letterman Bowling team at the hands of the Modern Cleaners in the final game of the 890 Classic at the Bagdad Alleys. The Medics are more than convinced that the Modern Cleaners are aptly named.

The Medicinemen dropped the first round to the tune of seventy four pins, and it looked as if the three games would be a rout. However, the Lettermen sharpened up their shooting, and lost the second game by only six pins and the third by fourteen pins.

Sgt. Henry Kuntz was high bowler for the evening with a 648 for the three games, with J. Farone of the Cleaners second with a 607. Sgt. Kuntz was right on the beam, rolling up a 205 on the first game, a 213 on the second, and wound up with the high game of the evening, a 230.

Unfortunately, the rest of the Letterman Bowlers weren't quite as hot as Sgt. Kuntz, so the team wound up on the short end of the score.

Sgt. Walter Yohe's bowling was on the phenomenal side. It appeared that someone glued one of the pins to the floor, as every time he bowled, that one pin was still upright. He ended up with low score of the evening, a 463 for the three games, and a high game of 159!

Tuesday evening's game marked the end of the 890 Tournament with the Letterman keglers finishing in ighth place, Sgt. Kuntz, team captain, states that the next tournament in which they play will find them among the top three teams.

Comment will be withheld until that time.

Results of Tuesday evening's games are:

MODERN CLEANERS

Farone	223	204	180	607	
Romani	200	156	170	526	
Pierone	181	162	184	527	
Pierette	172	222	191	593	
Pollastrini	200	177	169	546	
Totals	974	921	894		

LETTERMAN HOSPITAL

Yohe	159	157	147	463
Wilcox	189	189	158	536
Davis	165	204	173	542
Marano	182	152	172	506
Kuntz	205	213	230	648
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Totals	900	915	880	

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Utility Men Leave Letterman for Other Service Command Jobs

The inevitable law of change has again caught up with Letterman and this time in the name of progress several of the human landmarks we have known around here for years will be moved to other locations.

When the recent order directing the transfer of certain functions from this post to the neighboring Presidio went into effect it meant that long familiar faces would be new sights over there or at stations in other parts of the Service Command where their skills might be of value.

The Post Utilities section will be no more and the men on the roster of that activity had a grand total of two hundred and eleven years at Letterman. With the Utilities will go the Chemical Warfare, Ordnance, Signal, and Quartermaster employees and henceforth we will call on the Presidio for the services formerly rendered by these departments.

The change is the result of a survey recently completed and which had for its objective the conservation of manpower. A board of experts made a complete study of the situation here at neighboring posts and came to the conclusion that the interests of economy would be served by combining the sources of service where the relative distances to be covered would not be too great.

Due to the cordial relations existing between the Presidio and the Letterman commands there should be few difficulties to iron out before the new arrangement is working harmoniously. We will miss the "old timers" but they leave with our best wishes.



UTILITY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

In this picture have been around Letterman Hospital for the past quarter century. They will be missed in the future as they are being transferred to a new post. The year they started to work and their position follows each name. Front row: Peter Nelson, 1922, Steam Fitter; William Lyon, 1928, Carpenter Foreman; Lupe Castro, 1928, Power Plant Supervisor; George Fredell, 1928, Painter Foreman; Earl F. Boston, 1930, Power Plant; Arthur H. Christern, 1922, General Foreman.

Back row: Luther A. Hammersley, 1926, Plumber Foreman; Thomas F. Meehan, 1919, Power Plant; Wallace J. Smale, 1936, Carpenter; Henry L. Brady, 1931, Painter. Men on leave and not in picture: Hoyt E. Van Buren, 1928, Power Plant; Myron A. Hoffman, 1929, Sheet Metal; Thomas H. Pool, 1936, Carpenter. On night group were: Albert Bellingham, 1936, Power Plant; and Charles Straube, 1936, Power Plant.

TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS IN FOREIGN THEATER

In Libya and Tunisia thousands of prisoners surrendered to advance units, to grounded pilots, truck drivers, stray tanks, anyone who would take them, and they arrived for detention at whatever forward, rear, or base echelon was nearest.

Military Police guard companies and special processing units trained by the Provost Marshal General handled the normal flow of prisoners, but any military element suddenly received the surrender of small or large forces. All staff officers should know the basic precedure in processing prisoners of war from their capture in the field to their interment in the Zone of the Interior.

The first step is automatic; disarm the prisoners and assemble them under guard.

No attempt at questioning should be made, particularly not by force, which might hinder examination later by qualified personnel of S-2 and G-2.

The second step is search, separate, and send to the rear, together with confiscated maps and documents.

Officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates must be kept in separate groups to avoid organized escape or control of information.

Fast handling gives Intelligence a better chance to get full and fresh details. So does humane treatment, particularly where the enemy has been taught to expect torture or murder. The Army of the United States will not tolerate mishandling prisoners of war.

Processing the masses of prisoners suddenly surrendering in Tunisia was impossible, but in smaller operations a few basic records can be prepared in the field. The simplest form lists full personnel data, transfer information, and inventory of effects, and has spaces for photographs and fingerprints.

Next to complete processing, the greatest service that field organizations can render is to initiate normal rosters listing the names of prisoners and their serial numbers, and assemble and mark the prisoners' effects for shipment. In this manner there will be little danger of possible escape before identity and description are recorded.

Photographing prisoners is beyond line units' resources, but fingerprinting can be done anywhere. It does not require special kits. In



A German prisoner-aspirant for heavyweight honors misses with a left hook, and leaves himself wide-open, in an American prison camp. War Prisoners Aid provides athletic equipment for everything from ping-pong to ice hockey.

an emergency, even an ordinary stamp pad may be used with completely serviceable results.

Each prisoner of war gets a serial number when processed, to show the theater in which captured, his nationality, and the numerical order of his capture. Prisoners who were not processed overseas take their numbers from the Service Command receiving them.

Guarding and processing prisoners of war is a Provost Marshall function and interrogation is an Intelligence function. However, in battle any officer may get the job, like the adjutant in a British tank battalion who carried a message to the infantry and then led his tanks in a charge when the CO was hit.

Theater commanders send prisoners back to the Zone of the Interior as shipping facilities become avail-



Barbed wire is prison bars to these Axis soldiers.

able, and on shipboard the personnel records should be completed. At the least, nominal rolls by name, grade, and serial number should be prepared.

Aboard the transport, prisoners get a daily period on deck for smoking and relaxation, under guard and behind whatever barbed wire may be necessary, unless the ship has a covered promenade deck.

In port, special Provost Marshall General processing units and a screen of troops are ready. The shiploads are debarked, searched, deloused, and entrained for their various destinations. Items the prisoner may not carry into interment but which will be kept for him are placed in an envelope stapled shut in his presence and packed into the 'confiscation locker' that will go with his group to their train.

A cargo of 3,750 prisoners was processed and cleared within twenty-four hours, and if all trains could be spotted to best advantage the time would be nearer twelve hours.

An unexpected by-product of processing is scrap metal. Into the great bins at the Port of Embarkation go streams of mess gear, canteens, knives and forks, and odds and ends of equipment which either escaped search of were acquired on the trip. Overseas troops are encouraged to leave such material on the prisoners—with the exception of weapons and other articles which must be confiscated—so that it may be collected in this country.

Responsibility for prisoners of war is divided so carefully among the authorities that no point in the unloading, processing, en training, or delivering could become an administrative No-Man's Land.

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Axis Prisoners Being Marched To Stockade

WAR PRISONERS

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The master of the ship is responsible until his vessel enters the confines of the harbor. The Commanding General of the Port of Embarkation is responsible until the prisoners are board train, and the engineer gets his signal. The Commanding General of the Service Command effecting transfer is responsible until the prisoners are counted and receipted for by the internment camp officers.

Liaison officers map out the entire operation, ship to camp, down to the final details of blocking train windows and notifying camp commanders.

Guards are assigned to prisoners of war trains in the ratio of five officers and 127 enlisted men to 400 prisoners, and the men of the ship escort companies are not kept on duty as train escorts. Prisoners will not be hand-cuffed or tied for any reason whatsoever.

Officers having custody of prisoners of war inevitably hear "How come those birds get as good chow as we do? They take it easy-how about a couple of latrine orderlies for us?"

Prisoners of war come under a specific and detailed code as rigid as the Articles of War; the Geneva Conference Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, to which the United States is a signatory. They are captives "of the Hostile Power, but not of the individuals or corps who have captured them. They must at all times be humanely treated and protected, particularly against acts of violence, insults, and public curiosity. Measures of reprisal against them are prohibited," Subsisted on the same issue as the troops of the capturing army (American: Type "A" Field Ration), they cannot be used as servants or for certain other types of labor.

Incomplete reports list 2,464 American soldiers imprisoned in Italy and 3,312 in Germany. Japan holds prisoners from Wake, Guam, Bataan, Corregidor. Mistreatment of Axis prisoners invites retaliation in German and Italian camps, and upon Major Devereux' and General Wainwright's men in Tiawan and the Philippines.

Representatives of the YMCA's War Prisoners Aid visit prison camps, talking with leading prisoners and commandants, to determine the needs of the men and to stimulate camp life.



BENEFICIARY OF BLOOD PLASMA

Corporal Anthony A. Pomante, Coast Artillery, a casualty of Hickam Field who is alive today because of the blood plasma which was available at the time of his injury. Cpl. Pomante is a native of Philadelphia.

credit foto-Haas & Associates.

Mikhailovitch Escapes From Nazi Apes

London (CNS) — Gen. Draja Mikhailovitch, Yugoslavian guerilla army leader for whose cap-ture the Nazis have offered half a million bucks, escaped a German patrol at a wayside Monte-negro inn recently. The "supersoldiers" failed to recognize the guerilla leader who was garbed as a peasant.

There was a Nazi corporal named Twitch, Who, to be a sergeant, did itch. He let his chance pass. Now he's private first class. Cause he and his squad missed Mikhailovitch.

T/4 Peter B. Woolley

the maximum activities which conditions permit. As a result of their reports, materials are shipped from Geneva, New York, Stockholm and other centers direct to the camps. These materials include many kinds of athletic supplies for both indoor and outdoor games, musical instruments and even the full equipment for vocational courses, a great variety of religious supplies-all the multitude of things craved by men doomed, perhaps for years, to the drab monotonous existence of prison

News From Your Own Home Town

Baker, Ore. (CNS)—Lightning struck Betty Thomason as she was milking a cow. Betty got a blistered finger. Nothing happened to the cow.

Beaumont, Tex. (CNS)—When Harry James wed Betty Grable recently he stepped nearer induction. James was divorced by his first wife before he married Betty and that lost him his classification as a family man.

Chicago (CNS) - Alfred Johnson wants a divorce because his wife had him arrested 12 times. Once for complaining when she wrapped a roast turkey in his Sunday vest.

Denver, Col. (CNS) — Boogie woogie burglars stole 20 phonograph records from a local music store but they won't jitterbug to them. The records were of diseased heartbeats.

New York (CNS) - A friend dared Rose Cantey, 19, to jump in front of an onrushing subway train. She did. She escaped with minor injuries.

Blood Plasma Is A Must for Treatment Of Wounded Men

A Navy doctor recently returned from active duty in the South Pacific combat zone, watched the beginning process of blood donating recently at the Oakland Blood Donor Center, 521 29th Street. Then he told experiences of his own where the finished product saved the lives of wounded service men.

Lieut. Comdr. Louis Benjamin, USNR, paid high tribute to the effectiveness of blood plasma, He was in charge of the medical unit with a landing party on an unnamed South Pacific island not long ago.

"When our outfit landed,' he said, "the situation demanded as speedy an unloading of supplies and ammuntion as possible. The tropical growth same down to the shore, except for a short section of beach. The result was that men, supplies and ammunition were closely grouped together.

"The medical unit was, by necessity, only 50 feet from the ammunition dump.

"When night came, Japs came with it-in a low-level bombing attack. Out of the first string of seven bombs, four were direct hits into the ammunition and high-test gasoline. In the resulting inferno, many men were killed, many wounded."

He explained that the only lights available were gasoline lanterns, but that even those could not be used because of the raid. So with only the aid of flashlights, the wounded were treated in the dispensary tent.

The actual operating and repair of the wounded, which took place constantly throughout the next 36 hours, was done with continuous dodging of shell fragments which burst through the operating tents, riddling them with holes.

"There is absolutely no doubt," Dr. Benjamin declared, "that every wounded man survived due to the plasma which was available, and there is no doubt that our more serious cases would have died without the plasma.

"After our base was more established and our hospital facilities enlarged, plasma again and again proved its life-saving qualities."

BE A BLOOD DONOR TODAY SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

THEY HAVE RETURNED

They have returned. From the far flung battlefields and the war's grave desolation. They have returned. From the lands of hatred and fear, to once again seek and enjoy our way of living through, Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. They have returned, cut, wounded, and with a few parts gone.

Ours is the task of rehabilitation, not only for them, but for ourselves. Are we, as individuals, worthy and qualified to sit and chat with them, our heroes of today? Are we justified in accepting their sincerity, given us freely and without question?

Yes, if we can morally and physically replace those parts which are missing. Yes, if we have learned the lesson of Democracy, the creed of a free people and the way of life, through a government made and ruled by us.

If all this we have done, may we one and all look forward to that day when Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness shall be the keynote for a nation and a world in peace.





From Great Bend, Kansas, where the golden wheat fields ripple in the breeze, comes Lt. MARGUERITE DOONAM, to join the ANC of Let-Marguerite was born March 10, 1919 in Great Bend where she finished her schooling and trained at the St. Rose Hospital, later coming to San Francisco for one year's night duty in the obstetrical ward of the Children's Hospital on Katherine Street, San Francisco. She has traveled considerably-including thirteen states in her itinerary. She is fond of sports of all kinds, particularly riding a bicycle and swimming. Lt. Doonam much prefers California's sunny climate to the hot winds and cold winters of Kansas.

KATHRYN DURHEIM, another addition to Letterman, was born in Michigan but has lived pratcically all her life in Los Angeles. • Her training was received at the old Angeles Hospital (now no longer in existence) and later served for five years at the Hollywood Hospital in Hollywood. Her hobby is Victory Gardens. She hated to leave behind the splendid one she has been tending for several months, especially as the tomatoes were just about ready to be picked. Lt. Durheim is one of the few Los Angelesites who admit we "have something" here in San Francisco besides fog and wind. She likes it and has visited here many times.

August 31, 1919 is the birth date of LT. IDA R. PEDRINI, a bright, attractive native daughter of San Francisco. Her training was received at Franklin Hospital, this city. She likes sports—tennis, soft ball, swimming; also is fond of music and is no mean pianist. Lt. Pedrini has a cousin in the Army, stationed in England, and she is very anxious to go overseas herself.

LT. RUTH K. JOHNSON is a pretty brunette who was born in Haines, Alaska and lived there all her life until coming to San Francisco in 1940 to take training at the St. Francis Hospital. Lt. Johnson says she enjoys being here where the shops afford such wide selections. In Alaska most of her shopping had to be done the "mail order" way. People living in Alaska take life as it comes—letting each day take care of itself with no thought of the one

THE ODO OBSERVER OD SAW

Pvt. Roy Gandy, on Ward "C," sitting crossed legged on his bed and reminding us of the Mahatma save that Roy had more clothes on.

A very fine picture of Lieut. Marie de Hina Josa in the society section of the "Chronicle" one morning this week.

Lieut. Francis Sullivan, returned aviator from New Guinea, and right now the "Red Rover" of Ward B-1, getting in early for a change.

The transfer of our Adjutant to the newly created "Pharmacy Corps" and the former assistant Fire Marshal tossing short order at him just for practice.

Lieut. Joseph Schnieder extolling the wisdom of taking out the government insurance while there is still time and getting many takers.

Mrs. Helen Givener making a lot of our patients happier by working a little harder to get pay due for them.

Lieut. William R. Moody, in his new assignment as assistant to the Registrar, catching up on the news from Sicily and other spots from the daily newspapers.

Corporal Harry Brix still in the money is his new job with the Finance Office.

FROM THE BAXTER BUGLE WE LEARN:

A nurse that is pretty, is not something rare—But there's one that will make you
Stop, Look, and Stare—You'll forget to salute as you stop cold and ogle—And for your information,

And for your information, her name is June Vogel. But continue your work boys,

And don't lose your head For this beautiful maiden is happily wed.

to follow. This is Ruth's first assignment and she hopes to be sent overseas soon, preferably back to Alaska.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Sunday, August 1, 1943
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.
Confessions before all Masses.
Protestant Services.
Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.
Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Chief Chaplain's Former Church Gets First Honor Award

Presentation of the First Chaplain Certificate of Award granted by the U. S. Army, to be given to St. Charles Borromeo Church of Peru, (Ind.), by Lieutenant General Brehon Somervell, Commander of the Army Service Forces, was heard over NBC in a special broadcast Sunday, July 25, (1:30 p.m. EWT).

St. Charles Church was the first assigned to Brigadier General William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains U. S. Army, in his career as a priest. The program originated at Fort Myer, Virginia, where the First Army Chapel of the type now used in all camps was dedicated July 25, 1941.

Lieutenant General Somervell, who was introduced by Brigadier General Arnold, presented the certificate to Reverend E. A. Welsh, Pastor of St. Charles Church. The invocation was by Chaplain George F. Rixey, Deputy Chief of Chaplains for the U. S. Army, and Chaplain Joseph D. Ensrud spoke.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the command is extended to Lieut. Larraine M. Cardinet, ANC, on the death of her mother which occurred at Oakland this week.

Newark, N. J. (CNS)—"Presidents in name only" are serving by the hundreds in the Army according to the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits here. Thirty of the 32 chief executives are lending their names to the service of the nation. There are 133 William Henry Harrisons, 124 Woodrow Wilsons, 114 George Washingtons and one Abe Lincoln. The two who are not represented are Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Private Robert D. Wood

Tall, blonde, and trying desperately to grow a mustache is Private Robert D. Wood our Buck for the current week.

Robert first saw the light of day in Columbus, Ohio on July 5, 1923. A year later his family moved to Berkeley, California, where they made their home for the next seven years. From Berkeley the Wood family moved to Richmond, California, their present home. Private Wood attended the Richmond High studying printing and painting. During the summer months he worked at the San Francisco Airdome, receiving flying instructions in lieu of pay. He piled up 20 hours of solo flying to his credit. While still in school he enlisted in the California State Guards and was called to active duty in the fall of 1940.

Private Wood was put in the Medical Corps of the California State Guards; first as an ambulance driver and later as an X-Ray Technician. After ten months' service his units of the Guards was dissolved and Robert went to work in the Richmond Shipyards as a shipfitter. He was later promoted to Assistant Coordinator.

However, on November 3, 1942, he answered the call to arms and enlisted in the Medical Corps and was sent directly to Letterman General Hospital to receive his basic training. When his training was completed he worked in the X-Ray Laboratory for several months until he was sent to X-Ray school to finish his course. Following this he came back to Letterman and is again in the X-Ray Laboratory doing a good job.

Congratulations are in order for Private Wood for July 27th is his first wedding anniversary.

TWO TON TONY TURNING BACK TO TRY TUSSLING WITH TOPNOTCHERS

Two-Ton Tony Galento, the cheerful little beerful from Orange, N. J., has started another comeback in the ring. Please don't confuse this comeback with his last one, however, because that comeback faded a full month ago when an East Orange cop beat a tatoo on Two-Ton's head with his nightstick during a small brawl in front of Galento's suds shop on Day Street.

Nor is this comeback to be confused with the one Two-Ton launched three years ago. That particular comeback didn't amount to much either for it was terminated after a few questionable bouts when Max added-a-Bit Bear stuck a left hook into Two-Ton's fat face and flattened the roly poly fellow.

Two-Ton's most celebrated comeback was the one that led him from the security of his Orange saloon to a match with the heavyweight champion of the world, a fellow named Louis. At the time the barrel that wa's like a man was managed by the late Yessel the Muscle Jacobs who built Two-Ton up to the big bout by matching him with the greatest collection of high dive artists the trade has ever known.

After Two-Ton had kippered a dozen or two of these herrings, Yussel the Muscle talked Mike Jacobs into the Joe Louis match. To build up the gate, Two-Ton told reporters that Louis was only a bum. This was considered a snappy crack, indeed, coming from Galento.

Louis didn't mind being called a bum but he did get kind of sore when Two-Ton posed for a newspaper picture showing himself drinking a bottle of milk while his baby was drinking out of a bottle of beer.

Louis and Two-Ton finally met in the Yankee Stadium and fifty thousand people came to see the fight. Early in the fight, Two-Ton let fly with what was known as his hook and Louis bounced around on the canvas. But Louis got the range soon enough and in a couple of rounds he was tearing Two-Ton's head off. In the fourth the referee stopped it and Two-Ton, limp and soggy, was removed from the scene. The customers thought they had seen the last of the fat man.

But Two-Ton liked squatting around in the ring better than drawing beer at his Day Street saloon in Orange, N. J. So he kept making comebacks, each one worse than the last, until that East Orange cop

finally slowed him down to a stagger. After losing that bout with the nightstick, Two-Ton announced he was through, but of course he was only kidding again. A week or so later he said he was ready to fight and started peering beerily around his saloon for someone to flatten. All of his customers agreed that good old Two-Ton looked pretty good to them.

When the National Boxing Association picked up the illwind that Two-Ton was about to start fighting again, it proceeded to knock the Galento comeback campaign as flat as a bucket of two-day-old brew.

The commission ruled promptly that "due to unfavorable reactions" incurred during Two-Ton's last comeback, future barnstorming contests between the round man and the tanks he likes to call his opponents "will be billed strictly as entertainment and not in the guise of boxing competition."

Galento's new manager, a character named Willie the Beard Gilzenberg, has been around long enough to know better, but—true to the fight manager's creed—he expressed rightenous indignation when he learned of the commission's ruling.

"They can't do that to us," said Willie the Beard. "My bum ain't entertainment."

(By Sgt. Frank de Blois, Camp Newspaper Service Sports Correspondent.)

The Stork Was Here

TO: Captain Elvin Eugene Crocker and Mrs. Crocker, a baby boy, Kenneth Alan, July 21, 1943, weight five pounds, ten ounces.

TO: Sgt. Johnnie Henry Watterson and Mrs. Watterson, a daughter, Jennie Morris, July 22, 1943, weight eight pounds, 1 ounce.

TO: 1st Lt. George E. Gray and Mrs. Gray, a daughter, Wilametta-Jean, July 24, 1943, weight seven pounds, ten ounces.

TO: Major Albert B. Evans and Mrs. Evans, a baby boy, John William, July 23, 1943, weight six pounds, fifteen ounces.

TO: Captain Paul Delay and Mrs. Delay, a baby boy, John Joseph, July 25, 1943, weight six pounds, five ounces.

TO: Pvt. Dale Upward and Mrs. Upward, a baby boy, Donald Dale, July 26, 1943, weight seven pounds, seven ounces.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MR. HERMAN J. FRASH Quartermaster Supply and Clothing

For more than two decades the chief clerk of the Quartermaster Supply has been Mr. Herman F. Frash. "Men come and men go but Frash stays on forever," was once the saying around the post, but with the transfer of the Quartermaster supply and clothing department to the Presidio, Herman Frash takes his last curtain call at Letterman.

Born in Napa County, California, in 1897, he attended grade cshool, high school and business college in that area. He married Miss Doris Busch, of Napa, and they have two children, a daughter seventeen, and a son thirteen, who now resides in San Francisco.

In 1916 he left Napa to work for the Southern Pacific railroad system in San Francisco, and a short time later gave up railroading for the wholesale grocery business. He continued his employment in this field until 1917, when at that time he took a position in the supply office of the Quartrmaster Depot at Fort Mason.

Fnding quartermaster work to his liking, he remained at Fort Mason until 1922, when he decided that the thing that he really needed was a vacation. So, combining business with pleasure he decided a trip across the Atlantic would be to his liking, and he worked his way to Europe and back on a transport, as a clerk aboard ship. The three months trip was one of the most enjoyable and different vacation jobs he ever had. Frash says he wouldn't trade that experience for the world.

The Quartermaster Supply is fortunate to have Herman Frash as chief clerk, and when that unit is transferred to the Presidio, his host of friends will truly miss this genial, well-liked person.

Much success to former Private Donald F. Stanley who was discharged to civil life for the convenience of the government during the week.

Congratulations to Staff Sergeant William E. Thomas who was married last Sunday. More on the marriage will follow when Thomas returns to earth long enough to let us know more about it.

Predictions are that two-gets-youfive that Staff Sergeant Leonard P. Bell follows in Sgt. Thomas's footsteps-and soon.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Cpl. Isadore Lanfranco telling the boys to "keep em on the table" and getting no results.

Sgt. John Mattison quoting Shakespeare in the Information Office, with Cpl. Gordon Lockwood listening, impressed.

S/Sgt. Rosco Willey washing, rinsing and drying forty-nine diapers in one day-and only a beginning.

T/Sgt. William H. Day explaining to interested listeners the advantages of a vacation in Los Angeles.

T/4th Gr. Wallace May remaining mum on the reason for cashing all those twenty dollar checks.

T/4th Gr. Anthony G. Rotkovich has at last given up the hope of growing a mustache.

Little has been seen of T/4th Gr. Albert V. Glenn. Where can he be

The enlisted men having a large evening at their dance last Wednesday.

Sgt. William H. McDonald in charge of the hospital train.

Sgt. John James who does so well with a tennis ball frustrated by a little badminton bird.

Sgt. Robert Morten promoting an extra five gallons of gas from the ration board, an amazing feat.

S/Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West with nothing to say about the recent game the Letterman Softball Club lost to one of the Presidio teams.

Sgt. Lewis Villa's fishing stories disrupting the office routine in the "Sanctum."

The nonchalance with which Pfc. Louis Fasel handles his cue while trimming an opponent at snooker.

GI'S DREAM COMES TRUE ON "BLIND DATE" PROGRAM THURSDAY



DREAM SHOW-How'd you like a couple of blind dates like this and an evening at the Stork Club, all expenses paid? That's the reward on NBC's new "Blind Date" program Thursday nights. All you need is a GI uniform and a smooth line. Here Pfc. Martin Markoff, of Randolph Field, starts to collect his "prize."

the stuff dogfaces' dreams are made The show is unrehearsed, and when of and turned it into a show. No

The show is called "Blind Date" and it's just that. It is the summer replacement for "Maxwell House Coffee Time." And what happens to the yardbirds on that show, should happen to you. The "prize" is a date with a cute young actress, and an evening at the Stork Club with all expenses paid.

Each Thursday night at 900 p.m., (PWT) some half dozen GI's are picked from the studio audience, and three lovely actresses (All of 'em free, white, and 21) are on hand behind a screen. Then the servicemen talk to the girls on the phone, and the lads with the smoothest line get picked by the girls. The three who miss out get a cash consolation prize. The three who make the grade are then taken through the screen, introduced to the girls, present them with corsages, and are off to do the town once over lightly.

Arlene Francis, star of the Broadway success "Doughgirls" and popular NBC actress, is the emcee of "Blind Date" and plays the role of cupid in getting the servicemen and their dates together. But if "Blind Date" is a dream come true for the men who get on the program, it's equally good listening for

Now it's happened. NBC has taken the servicemen around a radio set. you turn Johnny Doughboy loose on a microphone with the prospect of a gorgeous girl and a date at the Stork Club in the offing, why his repartee is generally slightly hysterical.

> That guy Sherman never heard of radio.

'This Is the Army' To Perform Abroad

Washington (CNS)-The musical show "This Is the Army," soon will start giving perform-"This Is the Army," ances in theaters of operations abroad, according to an announcement here. Upon completion of the tour the all-soldier cast will be broken up and the men transferred to combat duty.

Salvage of Illiterates Increased by AAF

Sheppard Field, Tex. (CNS) -Sheppard Field's Special Training Unit soon will be expanded from 700 to 3,500 trainees in an effort to salvage AAF manpower previously considered non-usable. The Unit was established to instruct soldiers who are either non-English speaking, illiterate, slow-to-learn or mentally unstable. So successful were the original expriments that the expansion move was made.

SPECIAL

Tech 4th Gr. Eugene H. Bealsseemingly-"too hot to handle" entered Letterman early this week with a severe case of sunburn acquired on one of his excursions to Mill Valley. Reward-he is now experiencing chills and thrills in Ward F-1.

While on the Hospital subject . . . Tech. 5th Gr. Rex Le Frenier was discharged from the Orthopedic section after nursing along a broken foot for the last month. Along with his physical recovery Rex seems to have made numerous friendships with members of the ANC.

Congratulations are in order for Tech 4th Gr. Frank A. Seaburn and wife on the birth of a baby girl, Sandra. From all reports both mother and daughter are doing nicely back in the Mid-West.

INCIDENTALLY . . .

Is it true Tech 4th Gr. Don Farling has misplaced his "store bought molars."

Little is seen of Tech 4th Gr. George Hopple these days since his better half came out from the East.

Society saw several of the Detachment Members in the dress circle of "Laugh Time" the other evening acting quite sophisticated . . . and here it was "for free" at

To while away the long hours of night C. Q. duty Corporal Loe Shutz has taken up airplane modeling, he is interested, he said, because before his induction he worked in an airplane factory-Curtiss perhaps.

Sgt. D. P. Cook, who leaves this week for the heart and heat of Texas in an attempt to secure those tiny gold bars, reluctantly says 'goodbye" to the School and Letterman, and turns this space over to Corporal Walter Pulling and his able assistants who will carry one. "Business as usual."

Army Savings Bank

A Yank in Tunisia walked up to his company commander and laid \$300 on his desk. He had won it in a crap game.
"What's this for?"

the CO asked, "the company fund?"
"No sir," said the dogface, "the

Soldiers' Deposit Fund

The CO took the money, turned it over to the Finance officer and got back a deposit book for the GI who is now drawing 4% interest on his original \$300 investment. It's like money from home.

A soldier doesn't have to win \$300 in a crap game to open a Soldiers' Deposit Fund account. He can start with as little as \$5 a month and then add as much as he wants every pay day. He'll draw 4% interest—which is more of a dividend than most banks will pay on his money-no matter how small his deposit.
The Soldiers' Deposit Fund,

which was started in 1873, now has more than 110,000 active accounts and it's growing every day. It's in particular favor in combat areas where soldiers have found that the best thing to do with a dollar is to save it

The nicest thing about the plan is the sense of security it gives a GI. He knows if he makes regular deposits he will have a tidy nest egg with which to start ci vilian life again when he comes marching home.

The plan insures the soldier against his own weaknesses. After he has once opened a savings account in the fund he can't get his dough out again until he is discharged except in cases of emergency. He must secure the okay of his battalion or regimental commander.

The money a soldier deposits in the Fund is for him—and no one else. It can't be attached for debts. It can't be transferred to anyone else. It can't even be con-fiscated if the soldier gets a dis-honorable discharge. In case of death the money goes to the es-tate of the dead soldier as soon as a valid claim is presented.

To sum it all up, here are four good reasons for opening a Sol-

diers' Deposit:

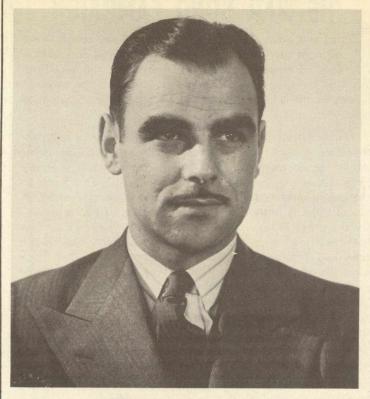
1. The deposits are convenient. The soldier makes his deposit through his company commander by payroll deduction. He doesn't have to worry about checks or money orders.

2. The deposits are a profitable investment. They pay 4% inter-

3. The money is available. The soldier gets back every cent of his investment plus interest when he is discharged. Deposits may be withdrawn any time in case of emergency with the approval of the battalion or regimental commander.

4. The money is safe. No creditor may touch soldier deposits and the money may not be assigned to anyone else.

AL THE ANSWER MAN IS ALWAYS AMIABLE AND ANXIOUS TO ANGLE



chia. Letterman Post Exchange em- self. ployee, possesses a name so hard to pronounce that a dislocated jaw may result, fortunately he prefers to be known as just "Al." Working in the Exchange for more than three years, Al probably knows more officers, enlisted men and civilians by name than anyone in this area.

He rushes about the P. X. making sure that all departments, from the meat market to the warehouse, are operating smoothly, and if not, WHY not. The employees of the Post Exchange all have one answer when any question arises. That is-"Ask Al." Al always has an answer.

Working directly under Capt. Cleo E. Rumsey, AUS, Post Exchange Officer, Al has charge of civilian personnel, buying merchandise, special orders, inventories and a thousand and one other things that come up in the Exchange.

Al is a native of San Francisco, and has lived here all his life. After completing business college, and having a yearning for the sweeter things in life, he tried his hand at the floral game. He was employed by a local florist and soon worked his way up to the position of manager. This feat was accomplished by giving himself a bouquet when-

Although Mr. Albert F. Farnoc-|ever the opportunity presented it-

In time the odor of the floral business became too pungent and Al decided to try his hand in a medical laboratory. He soon became known as the "Louis Pasteur of Larkin Street" to his cronies, as his chemical creations were the talk of that area. After a short but somewhat explosive career in this field, Al decided that the laboratory was not for him, and a short time later presented himself to the Letterman P. X., where he has remained for the past three years.

A notorious hunter and fisherman, he has few equals when it comes to enlarging the size of a fish. He shoots tons of imaginary deer each year, but usually winds up with about 125 pounds net-which isn't bad-and upon the slightest provocation he will drag out a small arsenal of firearms and explain each detail to a disinterested listener.

Another of Al's topics of conversation is his year-old son Richard, who is truly a chip off the old block. Young Richard will undoubtedly be hunting and fishing with his father in another five years, and already gets about the house like a mountaineer.

Truly an asset to the Post Ex-

On a recent tour of inspection the organization was commended for its participation in sports. S/Sgt. Ira N. Taylor states that the sports activities of the men who were engaged in practicing volley ball and baseball has increased considerably and many of the fellows are becoming excellent volley ball players, as the sport is very popular with the organization.

The company has the deepest sympathy for Private Wilbur Wilkes in his bereavement: he left for Los Angeles to attend the funeral of his aunt who recently passed away.

Cpl. Charles A. Cook is off to Los Angeles to visit with his family for a fifteen-day furlough.

The faithful nimrods-1st Sgt. Austin, S/Sgt. Anderson, S/Sgt. Reid, and Sgt. Hill are finally getting some results from their fishing. They now boast of getting three and four pound fish regularly. (We wonder if that is just another fish

The following men are convalescing at Letterman Hospital: Pvts. Julius Nelson, Dan Bell, and Elzie Jones. The company wishes them a speedy recovery.

Pvts. Frank Carter and David Harris were recently discharged from the army and are now back in

Our bouquet this week goes to Pfc. Ambrose Jackson. Jackson is an all-round athlete and has starred in basketball, track, baseball, and football; he is also an excellent swimmer. Jackson hails from both Los Angeles and New Orleans. Among his many accomplishments, not the least is his cooking abilitytwelve years of experience has fitted him admirably to become an army cook in the diet kitchen at Letterman Hospital and he is doing a very good job. We wish him success for the future.

change, this very popular young man is never too busy to grant a favor, regardless of its size. He is a personification of the old phrase "For he's a jolly good fellow!"

Sports Slants

The leading hitter for the Army team at Santa Ana, Cal. is not Joe DiMaggio but Merle Hapes, a former halfback with the New York football Giants.

Sixto Escobar, tiny Puerto Rican who once held the bantam-weight championship of the world, is stationed at a camp "somewhere in the Caribbean" where he's teaching boxing to MPs. Al Hostak, former middleweight titleholder, is stationed at Camp Beale, Cal.

Lynn Patrick, high scoring left wing on the New York Rangers hockey team, recently was inducted into service in New York. Harry Brecheen, promising rookie pitcher of the St. Louis Cardinals, will report for induction soon. His departure will leave the World Champions with one active southpaw, Max Lanier.

Lt. Ray Flaherty, former coach of the Washington Redskins in the National Football league, should have a strong eleven this fall at the Farragut Naval Station in Idaho. His players will include such former Redskin stars as Ki Aldrich, Bill Young, Clem Stralka, Ed Justice, Jim Barber and Marvin Whited, as well as Urban Odsom and Bob Sweiger from Minnesota.

Frankie Sinkwich, all American back from Georgia, and Bob Perina, football and baseball star at Princeton, are Marine officer candidates at Parris Island, S. C.

Cpl. Jimmy Reese, former Big League infielder, has been given a discharge from the Army as overage. Cpl. Reese was stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky.

Lt. Ed Berlinski, former football star at North Carolina State, has been reported by the War Department as a prisoner in Germany.

The reason the New York Giants are breathing the dank air of the National League cellar—according to Manager Mel Ott—is that they have sent seven stars into the services. Outfielder Morrie Arnovich is at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Catcher Harry Danning at Long Beach, Cal. with the Army Ferry Command; Outfielder Willard Marshall with the Marines in Washington; First Baseman Johnny Mize at the Great Lakes Naval Station; Pitcher Tom Gorman with a Special Service unit in New York; Pitcher Hal Schumacher at Memphis (Tenn.) Air Training Station; First Baseman Babe Young at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn.

Laid up with a lung ailment in an Army hospital in Colorado is Tom Kuzma, All-American back at Michigan a few seasons ago.

THE WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

Of all the posts in this country, Letterman should have 100 per cent participation in War Bond Payroll deductions. The Civilian employees can see, every day, the sacrifices made by the med in our Armed Forces. To us, the physical results of the War are no secret because they are paraded before our eyes at every turn.

The fact that only three out of four employees are participating is evidence of the hardened selfish attitude maintained by too many. To them, a fellowman's loss is easily forgotten at the ringside table of a night club, and death on the battle-field is too remote to warrant consideration. A casualty list is nothing more than a series of bad breaks—for the other fellows folks and the phrase "next of kin has been notified" ends a story, for they cannot visualize the tears and misery of "the folks they left behind." Yet these same "fungi" are earning more money than they have ever earned before. Despite their new found wealth, they are "barely getting by," even though they are handicapped with two arms and two legs. They can always find an excuse, but they can't find one good enough to mask their selfish attitude.

If for no other reason, buy War Bonds to save yourself. Our men are fighting just as hard to protect you as they are to protect themselves. Our soldiers must live by the Golden Rule to survive but there is still enough left over for you. Get it while you can.

The Wolf

by Sansone



(Mat 48-272-Stencil 48)

Overconfident Medics Get Hits; 94th MRU Get the Runs

Resuming its championship form of 1942, the Letterman Softball team dropped the 638th Engineers out of the Coca Cola sponsored league last week by the score of fourteen to nothing.

Scotty Ross, ace Letterman pitcher, had things under control at all times. After a four run first inning assault on the Engineers, the Medics were never in danger.

The Lettermen could have used a few of those runs the following week when they lost one of the closest and best played games ever seen on a local diamond, one to nothing, losing to the 94th Machine Record Unit.

Despite the two-hit pitching of Scotty Ross, the Medics were unable to bunch their seven hits at any one time to overcome the one run lead scored by the opposition in the first inning. Ross again looked very good in striking out eight batters, and as the season progresses, he will be a pitcher to reckon with.

S/Sgt. Merle C. West, manager of the Medics insists that a return contest will show different results.

"I know that we are at least three runs better than they are," stated Sgt. West, "but Monday night was one of those nights when we were beaten by tough breaks. I still maintain that we have the best ball club in the league, and when we finish and the averages are totaled, we will be in the top spot, looking down."

The lineups:

Letterman

Giovanetti, 3b. Ramos, ss.
Donovan, cf. Katner, 1b.
Smith, rf. Gaydos, c.
Leyer, 2b. Christian, lf.
Craig, sf. Ross, p.

94th M.R.U.

Haley, 3b.
Nolan, ss.
Wainright, 1b.
Penzel, cf.
Silverman, 2b.
Silverman, 2b.
Sudett, c.
Vogelsang, p.
Rackett, rf.
Hughey, sf.
Martin, lf.
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Noted Violinist Gave Concert for Letterman Personnel Wed. P.M.

Patients of the Letterman General Hospital received a musical privilege seldom equalled when they were entertained Wednesday afternoon by Jascha Heifetz, one of the world's most renowned violinists.

Displaying the versatility for which he is so famous, the Russianborn virtuoso held his audience spellbound with renditions of works of Bach, Brahms, Tschaikowsky, Mendelssohn and Victor Herbert. Unbelievable technique and brilliant tone were displayed by Mr. Heifetz, who was accompanied at the piano by Mr. Emanuel Bay, who has been with him for many years.

Introducing his own selections, Mr. Heifetz put his audience at ease with his pleasant, informal introductions, and his sharp wit had his audience smiling on several occasions. Upon completing the program he had prepared in advance, Mr. Heifetz goodnaturedly called for requests from the audience, and the patients obliged by besieging him with many. Highlights of the request numbers was his beautiful interpretation of Schubert's Ave Maria, and the well-known Intermezzo.

At present, Mr. Heifetz is on a tour of the west coast giving concerts in most of the large cities. During each day, he is entertaining patients in every hospital from Canada to Mexico, and will continue to do so the balance of the season.

As he explained to his audience, prior to playing, he is interested in doing his bit toward making life a little brighter for the soldiers who have been wounded in the present conflict, and remarked that he enjoys playing for them as much as they enjoy hearing him. Judging from the patients reactions here at Letterman, that is a good deal.

A true artist and a gentleman, Mr. this work.



MR. JASCHA HEIFETZ

World-famous violinist explains technique of the instrument playing to the interested group of patients who are: Pvt. Clyde L. Davis, Pfc. Presper J. Skill, Pvt. Stanley B. Mathis, Pvt. William H. Dodson, Cpl. Nathan Kaplan.

Heifetz in one short hour spent at Letterman, has made a host of admirers who will praise his talents for years to come.

On arrival at the hosptial Mr. Heifetz was greeted by the Commanding General, Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, before proceeding to the Recreation Center. The appearance of Mr. Heifetz was arranged by the Armed Forces Entertainment Committee which was recently organized to provide entertainment for the men in hospitals and on isolated stations. The USO, the AWVS, and the Red Cross are co-operating with the committee in this work.

Yank, Army Weekly Will Cost You More Come September

Yank, the Army weekly, announces officially that subscription rates to the publication will be revised effective September first, 1943.

The old rates (for Yank subscriptions mailed and postmarked up to and including August 31, 1943); 8 months (35 issues), \$1.00; 1 year (52 issues), \$1.50.

The new rates (for Yank subscriptions mailed and postmarked on or after September first, 1943; 6

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Miss Sarah Brogan is Promoted to New Rank of Captain, ANC

A promotion that brought joy to many members of our nursing staff was the elevation of Miss Sarah C. Brogan to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps, with rank of Captain.

Miss Brogan is one of the "old timers" in the Army Nurse Corps and has seen service almost wherever our forces have served in the past quarter of a century. It was on February 3rd of this year that Captain Brogan completed twentyfive years in the army and no one would have known about the anniversary if some thoughtful person had omitted a box of flowers. With the arrival of the flowers curiosity was arounsed and the occasion discovered. When asked why she did not let the staff in on the secret, Miss Brogan said: "Isn't it bad enough to be that long in the army without publishing it to the world?" On the contrary, she knows she is proud of the long service but is somewhat on the shy side when it comes to public acclaim.

Miss Brogan served overseas in France during World War I, has had two tours of duty in the Philippines in the interim between World Wars, and two tours at Letterman among the ten stations at which she has had service. She became first lieutenant Chief Nurse in June 1942 and since that time has been the assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse, Captain Knierim.

For the present Captain Brogan will continue in that capacity but it is probable she will soon receive orders assigning her to a command of her own in one of the new hospitals now under construction.

Evidence of her retiring disposition is a habit of always taking the back pew in the post chapel on Sunday mornings.

FOODS FOR FIGHTING FORCES ON FAR FLUNG FRONTS

Here at Letterman, the war one food waste extends beyond the kitchen, to the men themselves in the messhalls. Every man on the post is given all he wants to eat. He is expected to eat all that he takes on his plate, and failure of any appreciable number to do so prompts an immediate inquiry as to whether the quality of food or method of preparation was to blame, and necessary corrective measures are then taken to rectify any errors.

Letterman General Hospital seeks to place in charge of food preparation, men who have expressed a preference for this work, and most of those attending the cooks and bakers schools are there as the result of their own requests for the extra cooking instruction, and on the recommendation of their commanding officers.

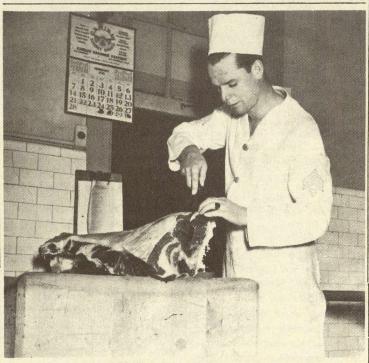
When a civilian becomes a soldier, his food consumption increases considerably. He gains from 6 to 10 pounds in weight during his first few weeks in training camp. The per capita consumption of food among all our civilians in peacetime has been estimated to be more than three pounds per day. These civilians include children, women, the aged, as well as all classes of workers. The per capita food consumption of soldiers in the Army is about five and one quarter pounds a day. These soldiers are the young active healthy males of the country, and as civilians ate substantially more than the per capita average of all civilians.

After all government requirements are filled, civilians will have more meat in 1943 than their average from 1935 to 1939. The civilian population will have available, after all military, lend lease and other government requirements are met, almost seventeen and one-half billion pounds a week for each civilian man, woman, and child in the country, which is 1.7 pounds more for the year than our people consumed on the average during the five peacetime years of 1935 to 1939. All the meat the Army requires for the year amounts to less than half a pound a week for each civilian.

The civilian sacrifice of canned fruits and vegetables is necessary because almost all the fruits and vegetables that go to our soldiers in the theaters of war are hermetically sealed in cans. But even with these heavy army and other government requirements, the actual civilian



EAST HOSPITAL MESS KITCHEN
Is fully equipped with such machinery as the dough-mixing machine above which automatically takes guesswork out of the baking and cooking operations for this mess.



T/4 GR. RAYMOND EDMONDSON

Is the Non Commissioned Officer in charge of meat cutters at Letterman Hospital. All expert butchers, they insure a minimum loss of one important rationed item—meat.

sacrifice is surprisingly small.

The army's total requirements of canned goods amounts to 18.3 per cent of the total commercial pack. Lend-lease and other government requirements accounted for another 9.3 per cent, leaving 72.4 per cent of the commercial pack for civilian consumption, plus the total homecanned food resources of the country.

If the army used no butter at all, each civilian would have only one-half ounce more per week. The same situation obtains with respect to milk and eggs. After all government requirements are met, civilians will have slightly more eggs in 1943 than they consumed on an average in the 1935-39 period. They will have considerably more fluid milk this year than then, and about the same amount of canned milk.

Even with respect to coffee, one of the greatest morale factors in the army man's diet, our soldiers are drinking only slightly more than the average adult American consumed in 1941.

Our soldiers consume about two pounds of roasted coffee per month. The average adult American in 1941 consumed slightly less than two pounds per month. Anyone who knows how important a steaming cup of coffee is to a battle-weary soldier, or one who has just returned from a day of gruelling training, would not want this ration cut.

The army's use of the other scarce commodity, sugar, is likewise a comparatively small proportion to the total national supply and has little effect on the amount that goes on the American dinner table. The total army sugar requirements for 1943 are 8.3 per cent of the estimated available supply.

The fact that the nation is faced with food shortages far greater than could be caused by the army and all other government requirements means that there are other major factors causing them.

First among these factors, of course, is the tremendously increased civilian demand for these foodstuffs, brought about by heavily increased earnings, and the great reduction in other consumer goods for which they normally would spend their money, such as automobiles, electric refrigerators, or washing machines.

This, of course, presents an eco-(Continued on page three)

FOOD

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nomic problem to be solved by the civilian agencies of the government. It is only fair to the army that the extent of the food sacrifices made necessary in order to maintain an 8,200,000 man force, and the extent of the other contributing factors to the food shortage, be made clear.

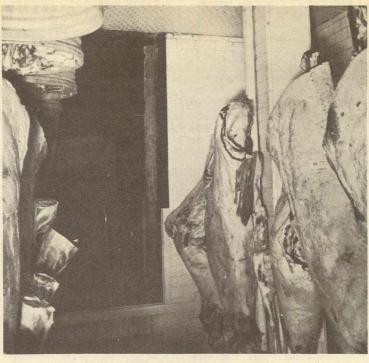
The fact that these shortages do exist, however, makes the responsible military leaders of the country more keenly aware of the necessity for making the most efficient possible use of the foodstuffs that go to feed our soldiers. Extensive and effective efforts are continually being made in this direction.

The Army's efforts to make every army cook a good cook, and to reduce the waste of food to the barest possible minimum are extensive and never-ending. The army sends its cooks to school to teach them how to prepare foods and avoid waste, with cooks' and bakers' schools providing special courses for training in all steps of mess management from the cook to the commanding officer. Courses include cooks' course, mess sergeants, bakers, mess officers, officers supervision, use of dehydrated foods, and cold weather cookery.

The Quartermaster's General's Office in Washington prepares a master menu for each month's meals, which becomes the basis for army meal-planning throughout the United States. This menu suggests varied types of meals and provides recipes for new and tasty dishes. These menus are carefully worked out by dieticians and food experts, and seek always to stress foods that are least scarce, both seasonally and nationally.

The American soldier is a well-fed, well-nourished fighting man, the food he gets is of good quality and is well prepared; and then the length of supply lines is considered, feeding the American fighting man is a gigantic undertaking, possibly the largest of its kind in history. The size of this task, viewed at a time when civilian food shortages are occurring in the country, has caused considerable discussion as to the extent the Army's food requirements affect the civilian food supply.

Speedy victory can be won only by pitting every national resource we posses against the enemy. And of these resources, food is, of course, one of the greatest and most essential. A soldier's rifle and ammuni-



MEAT REFRIGERATION UNITS

For Storage and prevention against contamination are
"Musts" in the food conservation program established by
the high standards of the Army for General Hospitals. Letterman is no exception.

DAFFYNITIONS

Col. Stoopnagle sez: Itches is something that when a rookie is standing at attention his nose always.

Home, the colonel continues, is where you can scratch any place that itches.

And horse sense, he concludes, is that which keeps horses from betting on people.

tion cease to be weapons if he lacks the strength to fight. Any condition arising in this country to keep him from getting the food he needs immobilizes him as a fighting man.

The military requirements for foodstuffs will increase somewhat beyond present levels as our army reaches its peak strength, but the facts presented here demonstrate that even these necessary increases will not impose an insufferable burden on the civilian economy but rather will impose one of the least of the sacrifices of war.

It is reasonable to believe that the sacrifice of a few ounces of food per day is a small price to pay to insure the proper feeding of the 8,200,000 men sent out to defeat the country's enemies.

Have you turned in your scrap metal and other material to help win the war?



PVT. JERRY SWANNER

Inspects the Bread Rounder in the bakery at the hospital. This is another example of the modern equipment used by the Army to guard against loss and waste.

News From Your Own Home Town

Chicago (CNS) — Fred Snite Jr., famed infantile paralysis victim who has been in an iron lung since 1936, has received his draft reclassification notice. He has been shifted from 4-F to 3A-4, for "fathers in a nondeferable occupation."

Denver, Col. (CNS) — Stanley Field stuck his foot into an old shoe he had stored in the attic. Now he won't be wearing shoes for a while. Wasps had built a nest in the one he tried to put on.

Dunkirk, N. Y. (CNS)—Herbert F. Christy was hospitalized for injuries received while painting a porch. He fell 12 feet, landed on his feet and apparently suffered only from the jar. Then a plank tumbled down, struck his head and knocked him unconscious.

Gallup, N. M. (CNS)—An eccentric customer stopped at Dorothy Scanlon's war bond booth. "I'll buy all the 25-cent stamps you can lick in ten minutes," he said. He had to pay her \$48.75.

Harvard, Neb. (CNS) — The Harvard City jail, which Robert Pinckney, 16, bought at an auction recently will be sold again to the highest bidder in war bonds according to its youthful owner.

Holbrook, Ariz. (CNS) — When informed that the Navajo Indian population is increasing three times as rapidly as that of the white race in the U. S. A., 82-year-old Henry Chee Dodge, veteran tribal sagamore, came up with a heap big solution to the problem. Every white man, he suggested, should be given three wives.

Indianapolis (CNS) — A hen owned by Mrs. Alice Rubin and Mrs. Guy Ogden laid an egg bearing an almost perfect likeness of the rising sun of Japan.

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)—"Pal," a rat terrier, was burned to death when he ran into a flaming home here apparently under the impression that Mrs. Carl Moser, his owner, was trapped inside.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardwig have filed a suit for \$500,000 damages, charging that a hospital here presented them with a girl after Mrs. Hard-

Seattle (CNS) — Someone stole Mrs. E. G. Blanchard's car. Later police found it—with an extra tire.

Springfield, Mass. (CNS) — A hotel, pressed with a labor shortage, offered guests a 50% reduction on their \$1 rooms if they make their own beds.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

TEAMWORK

Teamwork as described by Webster is as follows: "Work done by a number of associates, all subordinating personal prominence to the efficiency of the whole."

Teamwork is truly the important issue at hand at Letterman General Hospital today. It is important because our organization is essential, and because it is essential, it is necessary that we all work as one if we are to attain the goal and maintain the high standards and ideals as outlined by our Commandant.

Let us not lose sight of the fact that we are Angels of Mercy placed here to help alleviate the suffering of the lads who have tasted the bitterest fruits of war.

The present successes of the United Nations have been achieved only through cooperation and teamwork—achieved because the officers of the high command understand their men, and the men have faith in their superiors.

So, in the vernacular of any good soldier, let's just say that old stuff has to go—let's dispense with the petty things and forget about grabbing off the limelight. We have a big job to do and we can do it and will do it well IF—we subordinate personal prominence to the efficiency of the whole.



Mrs. Adrienne Solomon is a new arrival this week. She was born and brought up in Parowan, Utah. After finishing High School Adrienne went to San Diego and finished her nurses' training at Mercy College. Letterman is her first assignment but she likes it here and is determined not to be TOO lonesome for her husband woh is stationed at Fort Deming, New Mexico.

SEEN AND HEARD:

Whoever said that women don't blush anymore is certainly not acquainted with one certain Chief Nurse. It all heppened this way. One certain young officer was telling said Chief Nurse how very young she looked, and meaning every word of it-not just mere flattery. All eyes were fastened on s. y. o. (said young officer). Everyone turned around to see how the little lady was taking it. Whew! Her face was a deep crimson all the way up to the roots of her pompadour. What a blush!! "Why Miss-" someone said. "You're blushing." And it was as beautiful a blush as any 16-year old ever could produce. "Isn't it terrible?" she wailed, and blushed more and more. We don't know what you think about it, but if you had seen it you would agree that blushing is a most attractive accomplishment.

Cupid had a bagful of darts and no one to shoot 'em at. All was quiet. Suddenly around the corner came Miss Mc-- and PLINK! She got one right in the region of her heart. Says she: "Was that me? O, surely not. Must be! UM!! Wonder if my nose is shiny or not." Then Cupid took a nose dive and sailed right past her ear-whispering that his other client was waiting. Would she deign to call him? What? No, NO, a thousand times NO. Cupid pleads. No use. He begins to look sad and casts his eyes about for another customer. Miss Mc- looks dreamy and then a little twinkle comes into her eyes.

TOUGH FOSTORIA

Glass hammers are now being made which are strong enough to drive nails through planks without cracking.

THE OBSERVER OBSERVER SAW

Lieut. Ann B. Bakalar picking up the check in the grill just because she did not do so well at calling the turn of the coin.

Mr. Ernest W. Jakobs paying farewell calls on his neighbors after he pulled down the roll top on the old desk to complete twenty six years of service at Letterman.

Corp. Gordon Lockwood taking time off from the Information Desk to root for the post team and bringing them plenty of good fortune.

Our best bootblack, Bill Brooks, bemoaning the disappearance of his new shoes from the locker room.

St. Sgt. Chauncey Young happy at his work as he builds a preamplifier to carry the concerts from the Recreation Center tothe husha-tones at the bedsides on all wards.

Lieut. Donald Baier trying to get along on four hours of sleep each day in addition to his normal ten at night.

Mrs. Helen Diez back in the "grandma" role—sewing chevrons on for one of her numerous "grandsons.'

A marked falling off in the attendance of the Civilian Employees Breakfast Club in the PX Grill.

MOVING PICTURES AT POST THEATER

Tuesday and Wednesday,
AUGUST 10 and 11:
DIXIE—Bing Crosby-Dorothy Lamour. Also March of Time.

Thursday and Friday, AUGUST 12 and 13:

CONSTANT NYMPH — Charles Boyer-Joan Fountaine. Also Short Subjects and News.

Saturday and Sunday, AUGUST 14 and 15:

HI NEIGHBOR — Jean Parker-Vera Vague. Also Short Subjects and News.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, August 8, 1943

Saturday, August 7, 1943

In the Post Chapel:

Catholic Services.

Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Confessions before all Masses.

Protestant Services.

Morning worship at 10:00 a. m.

Radio service to all wards 9:00 a. m.

In the Post Theater: Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

Army Emergency Relief

The Army Emergency Relief has been organized to give speedy financial help and other assistance to all soldiers and their dependents when in need. Relief may be granted in the form of money by loans, by aid in kind, including procurement of food, fuel, medical and dental care, hospitalization and general assistance in the solution of problems confronting individuals or members of their families.

In the office of the Army Emergency Relief in the Civic Auditorium in the Civic Center dependants of service men will find a sympathetic atmosphere and a readiness to be of service, and the AER will take over any hour of the day or night when an emergency arises which calls for prompt action.

There is a Section of the Army Emergency Relief located at Letterman Hospital. The office is on the second floor of the Administration Building. The local Director is the Post Chaplain.

Wide publicity will be given to the field covered by the AER and it is hoped that everyone will be familiar with the location of the office and the broad scope of activity centering there.

The Stork Was Here

TO: T/5th Robert Callahan and Mrs. Callahan, a baby girl, Karen Margaret, July 29, 1943, weight seven pounds, nine ounces.

TO: 2nd Lt. Fred Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, a baby girl, Karen Patricia, July 28, 1943, weight six pounds, three ounces.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Pvt. Leo F. Shepherd

Determined to make the Medical profession his career is Private Leo F. Shepherd "Buck of the Week."

Pvt. Shepherd is from San Francisco. He was born June 23, 1923 and grew up in the Mission district. After completing grammar school he won a three year scholarship at St. Peter's School. When the three years were completed he transferred to Sacred Heart High School and continued his Academic course. While at Sacred Heart he was a member of the staff of the school paper as copy man and also reporter.

After school hours he worked as a grocery clerk in order to maintain a rather expensive hobby—rifle shooting. Pvt. Shepherd belonged to the Palo Alto Gun Club and competed in many contests in the San Francisco Bay area.

On graduation from High School he entered San Francisco's Junior College, in the pre-medical school, and prepared to settle down to his books. He was elected Secretary of the Medical Fraternity and remained at the San Francisco Junior College until December 1942 when he enlisted in the Medical Corps of the Army.

He was first assigned to duty at Monterey, California, where he was officially outfitted in "G.I's." Following this he was sent to Letterman. He was sent to Pharmacy school and later assigned to duty in the hospital pharmacy.

When the war is over Pvt. Shepherd is going to return to school and continue where he left off in his medical education.

SAFE WAY

Only 2.6 per cent of the wounded in the Navy and Marines have died since Pearl Harbor. Experts believe recovery of Army wounded will be about the same.

TO OUR FORCES OVERSEAS USE V-MAIL AND USE IT OFTEN

There are many who will agree that some of the old fashioned methods are the best. But when it comes to sending mail to the fighting men overseas, it's the new fashioned method that is not only the best, but the safest and the surest. The use of V-Mail, properly addressed, will guarantee a letter reaching its destination. Of 115,000,000 V-Mail letters already sent overseas, not one has been lost!

Many people are still sending letters for overseas delivery via ordinary airmail. But there is no guarantee that such letters will go overseas by air. With the offensive growing daily, almost every bit of cargo space is needed for military supplies. Ordinary airmail is flown to ports of embarkation, but if space is not available on airplanes going overseas, that mail will be sent by ship. V-Mail, however, has the highest priority and is always sent overseas by air. V-Mail is never left behind.

Ordinary mail not only takes up precious cargo space, but in the event the ship is torpedoed, that mail is lost for good. V-Mail, on the other hand, is photographed on microfilm. The original letters are safely filed. If an airplane carrying V-Mail is unfortunately lost, the letters are immediately rephotographed and sent out again. Chalk up another advantage for the new fashioned method.

Remember, too, that V-Mail letters can be as intimate as desired. V-Mail letters are as private as any other type. Every letter going overseas must be read by a censor. Rest assured that mail censors are only interested in withholding information that might be of aid to the enemy, should the letter be captured. With 22,000,000 pieces of mail going out every week, the censors are much too busy to eavesdrop into personal affairs.

Some persons may feel they just can't get enough on one page of V-Mail. However as many pages of V-Mail may be sent as the writer wishes, but each page must be numbered and addressed separately. Fighting men overseas prefer to receive a shorter letter two or three times a week rather than a long letter once a week.

At present, soldiers are not getting as many letters as they should, and although there are many more men overseas, V-Mail has not increased proportionately. The more letters our men overseas receive the stronger their morale. A soldier who hears regularly from his loved ones back home is bound to prove a better fighting man. Today, V-Mail letters may be sent anywhere overseas, as every theater of operation now has V-Mail equipment.

A great deal has been written about the value of properly addressing letters, and yet fifteen percent of all mail sent overseas, millions of letters each month fail to reach their destination because of improper address. In this global war with its shifting fronts, Johnny Doughboy is constantly on the move. Unless his mail is accurately addresed, it may not reach him.

Proper addressing of a letter must include these four items:

- 1. Full name and rank.
- 2. Army serial number.
- 3. Unit or Service Organization.
- 4. APO number.

Here is a typical example of what can happen when a letter is sent by ordinary first-class mail instead of V-Mail:

Mrs. X. has been writing a letter every day to her husband overseas. Sent by ordinary first-class mail, the letters are held at a port waiting for



Mr. HERMAN F. FRASH
Formerly of the Quartermaster Clothing Supply Department. Mr. Frash's biography appeared in the last
issue of the Foghorn, but
due to a typographical transposition his picture was
omitted.

Officers Loss Is Published—But The Hard Way

The very newsy paper published at Woodrow General Hospital and edited by our old friend, Major Al Martin, lives up to the best traditions of the profession by suppressing no news. Recently the officers volleyball team took a trouncing from the enlisted men and the scores were duly printed—but upside down. Those who would read had a choice of reversing the paper or standing on their heads. Which do you prefer:

EM TRIM OFFICERS AT VOLLEYBALL

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The EM team had as players, S/Sgt. J. Martinez, Sgt. Fraser, Cpl. Miller, T/5g's Kaufman, Arbital, Pappas, and Zipnick, and Pvt. Brun-

Their team was composed of Lts. Rosenberg, Schnell, Teitler, Walters, Lands and Bednash.

The officers claimed they were tired from playing ball before the match. It's a good alibi.

A complete reversal of form took place, as you can see, when the officers met the enlisted men in a return volleyball match on Monday night, July 19. The EM poured it on sories of 21-4, 21-7 and 21-11, thus scores of 21-4, 21-7 and 21-11, thus taking revenge for a previous defeat.

It seems as though the officers need a couple of nurses to help them win, for last time out, two feminine players helped them over the hur-

a convoy. Thirty letters pile up, are placed on the same ship when a convoy finally sails. That ship is lost with all its mail. Her husband frantically writes, wondering why he hasn't heard from home in a month. Those same letters, if written on V-Mail, would have gone by air and would have been delivered, swiftly and safely. Fortunately, such examples do not often happen, but are possibly unless V-Mail is used.

V-Mail is on sale at your stationer's, at nearly all department, drug, and dime stores, and at your local post office. It is the method the Army officially recommends to communicate with troops overseas. It is fast and safe, and patriotic to use because it saves precious space on ships and planes.

V-Mail is one of the simplest and finest ways of being of service to your fighting man overseas. Write often and use V-Mail for Victory.

A welcome is extended Privates Louis R. Belmonte and Samuel Luber who joined the detachment during the week.

Good luck to S/Sgt. Jack A. Anderson, T/4th gr. Andrew J. Campbell and Carlton E. Fillauer and T/5th gr. Michael Georgeff, Maurice R. Henrich, Raymond Nielson, Carl Schang, Walton W. Wiley, and Gus York, Jr. who left for a new station during the week.

Also a hearty welcome is extended the Quartermaster Personnel assigned to Letterman even if they did arrive just in time to absorb any and all vacant ratings.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

The coyness displayed by S/Sgt. Leonard Bell when asked about a wedding date. The man just won't

Sgt. Paul Hecht, the poor man's Jim Farley, now being known as simply the poor man.

That T/4th gr. Anthony G. Rotkovich has finally bought himself a new pipe-take note Sgt. Goldstein and do likewise.

Pvt. James M. Ward's startling likeness to the late Will Rogers, both in speech and appearance.

T/4th Gr. James McDavid and Edward Chilgren having a hard time getting sleep on their nights off.

T/5th gr. Angelo J. Leone telling the boys in the Detachment of Patients how large the fish were that he caught.

T/4th John DeMartini Paul Bunyaning some rather exciting adventures to interested listeners, with Pvt. Morris Huber vouching for

Pvt. Harry Hochman, newlywed. still walking in the clouds of married bliss.

S/Sgt. Herbert "Diogenes" Goldstein doing a pantomime on his nick-namesake, complete with kerosene lantern.

The six-decker sandwiches eaten by Pvt. Elwood F. Kueny.

Cinema-lover T/5 gr. Bert Leibert, the theater's steadiest customer, telling of coming attractions three weeks in advance.

T/5th gr. Israel Kulak always humping to get his work done around the Administration building.

Slender Pvt. Albert Giovannetti showing plenty of power in hitting a home run at the ball game Monday evening.

LT. ALICE CURTO OF WARD F-2 IS SAN FRANCISCO TRAINED NURSE



ALICE M. CURTO 2nd Lieut. Army Nurse Corps

Foreign service, particularly in the European theater, appeals to Second Lieutenant Alice M. Curto, ANC. Ironically, she has been serving her country for the last two and a half years right in her own home town, for she has lived in San Francisco for the past fifteen years. Before coming into the service, she was on private duty here in San Francisco, and received her training at Mount Zion Hospital and the University of California Hospital of this city.

She is a westerner by birth-having been born in Ely, Nevada and completed grade and high school in that city before moving to the city by the Golden Gate.

This charming and affable young lady now on duty in Ward F-2 has served most of her two and a half years in the Army Nurse Corps in the Surgical Service at Letterman. Working with the new wonder drug penicillin, which is being used exclusively in Ward F-2, has proven tremendously interesting to Lieut. Curto. This new drug discovery, while still in its experimental stage, gives promise of revolutionary new methods in the treatment of sick and wounded soldiers. Lieut. Curto states that as treatments are made, a full report of reactions goes to the Surgeon General's office, and a standardized dosage will be drawn up from there. Countless benefits will be received from the research that Lieut. Curto is helping to per-

ature, Lieut. Curto will discuss with several pairs of socks.

animation various authors and playwrites of the day. The legitimate theater also holds a great attraction for her, and every well known play coming to San Francisco usually has her as part of the appreciative audience.

An ice skater of some ability is another of the many talents of this active young lady. The few spare hours she can find in her busy routine finds her doing figure eights on local ice rinks.

This efficient young nurse causes patients confined to Ward F-2 to consider themselves fortunate to be in such capable hands.

GI Bandages Go OD; Assure Better Camouflage

To assure proper camouflage riscipline, even gauze coverings for wounds are to be olive drab, the WD announces.

"Camouflage saved our equipment and men," Brig. Gen. David W. Grant, the Air Surgeon, revealed, "but a soldier bandaged in white could be spotted miles away by an enemy plane."

To make the olive drab bandage was no easy matter since it must be used on open wounds. But industry has produced a dye that causes no allergy or infection.

ARCTIC FOOTGEAR

A felt boot for use when the temperature runs between zero and 30 degrees below has been designed for the Alaskan troops by the QM An authority on books and liter- Corps. The boot permits wearing of ties (men who are wounded, miss-

War Department Tells First-of-Kin with Speed and Accuracy

A few months ago a woman received a telegram from the War Department that her 20-year-old son was missing in North Africa. She was brave for an evening, then collapsed, crying: "Billy is dead. They will tell me in a day or so. This is just to prepare me."

Billy's mother now knows that full information is given as quickly as it is received, for two days after collapse a second telegram told her that Billy was safe and sound.

Several times a day, between 7:45 A.M. and 11:45 P.M. a pistol-belted soldier carrying a locked dispatch pounch, arrives with an armed escort from Signal Corps headquarters in the Pentagon Building carrying good news and bad news for thousands of Americans whose sons, brothers, fathers and husbands -yes, and mothers, wives, sisters and daughters-are fighting this country's battles around the world, for it contains the latest casualty report flashed by radio from U.S. Army headquarters in the various theaters of war.

Copies are quickly made and distributed to various sections. Within two hours, in most cases, a telegram is on the way to the next of kin. If there is any question of the report's accuracy, it is a job for the Verification Section. No telegram is sent if there is room for doubt.

When a soldier is reported missing in action during a successful advance of our troops, the chances favor an early solution of his whereabouts and condition. If the field on which he became "Missing" is in the hands of the enemy, it will take longer. Many missing men return unharmed to their own lines; others show up wounded. If the missing man is a prisoner of war, his name will no doubt eventually appear on a list cabled by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva to the Prisoner of War Information Bureau in the Provost Marshal General's Office. This list is turned over to the Casualty Branch for notification to next of kin. Thereafter the Prisoner of War Information Bureau safeguards the rights of the prinoser and supervises the transfer of mail and parcels to him, in accordance with the terms of the Geneva Convention of July 27, 1929.

Many indirect reports of casual-(Continued on page seven)

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The theory that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is never allowed to complete itself in the organization. Our company Commander, Lieut. Morris Henderson, and his staff see to it that our men are kept physically alert and mentally awake. The company entertainment given last week at the mess hall is an example of a farseeing program that has the interest of each individual in mind. A good time was enjoyed by all—and the esprit de corp of the fellows was tops.

The company welcomes two new officers to the staff. They are Lieut. George Merrick and Lieut. Charles Wilson. Lieut. Merrick hails from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Lieut. Wilson from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Both are from the medical replacement pool at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. We wish them much success in the company.

Corporal Paul Weaver and Pfc. Will A. Bragg are off to Los Angeles to enjoy a bit of relaxation on their fifteen day furloughs. Both being very popular in the city, we can imagine how much relaxation they will enjoy.

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The following men received ribbons for good conduct: S/Sgt. Elmore Anderson; 1st Sgt. George D. Austin; S/Sgt. Ira N. Taylor; Sgt. George Hill, Sgt. Charles Sides, S/Sgt. Willie E. Reed, Sgt. Eugene Williams, Cpl. Henry Scott, Cpl. Oscar White, Cpl. Cecil Brown, T/5 Jurrant Middleton, Pvts. Dan Bell, Will Clark, Joseph Gilliard, John Boyd, George Hall, Solomon I. Hill, Parrish Holmes, Howard Franklin, Kenner Coleman, Woodrow Williamson and Willie J. Dorsey.

Pfc. Curtis Howard, company clerk in the PX, came back from his furlough with glowing praises for Los Angeles, and a chest thrust out at least a six good inches since he became the proud father of a lovely daughter. (That's the old spirit Howard, we congratulate you!) S/Sgt. Ira N. Taylor's chest has also expanded a good six inches because that fine son and wife are doing splendidly.

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PROTECTION AGAINST GAS ATTACK IS FUNCTION OF LIEUT. SCHNEIDER



JOSEPH SCHNEIDER
2nd Lieut. Chemical Warfare Service

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If and when the enemy gets around to dropping gas bombs on Letterman he will learn that the personnel of this command has been fortunate to be thoroughly trained to meet the emergency under the instruction of Lieut. Joseph Schneider, who is the Chemical Warfare Officer for this station.

Lieut. Schneider is a native son of San Francisco, loyal to local secondary schools by making his studies at Lowell High and then going over the hill to the University of San Francisco where he majored in Chemistry.

Perhaps it was his knowledge of the elements entering into the product that prompted him to take a position with a local importing firm as a salesman and when he was ready to move over to the Schenley Distilling Company he knew enough about the business to become division manager, which post he held until his induction into the military service in March, 1941.

The future lieutenant went to Camp Roberts where he trained for six months and then was furloughed to the Enlisted Reserve Corps. condition which proved to be only temporary as he was recalled to active duty in February, 1942-again to Camp Roberts where he proceeded to make the grade of Technical Sergeant within three weeks. The following August he went to OCS and Edgewood Arsenal and emerged a second lieutenant in the Chemical Warfare Service in November, 1942. He remained at Edgewood until ordered to Letterman in February of this year.

Possessing a thorough knowledge of his field he has been able to impart it to the personnel in a very interesting manner so that the call for a class in gas drill never evoked groans and growls from the students. The personality of Lieut. Schneider is no small factor in the success of his work in this command.

Perhaps it is timely to repeat that

WAR DEPARTMENT

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ing, prisoners of war, or dead) are based upon letters from soldiers to their families. Though the Casualty Branch system is practically proof against errors, mistakes have resulted from faulty eye-witness testimony. Pvt. Jones and Pvt. Smith started out in battle side by side. Presently a shell burst and Jones saw that Smith had disappeared. After desperate fighting the company was forced to retire. Smith did not answer roll call that night and Jones reported that he had seen his friend blown to bits. His testimony was accepted, but it was not true. Jones had seen a man killed but it was the one who had moved up into Smith's place when he fell wounded. Closely following Smith's company were Medical Corps men who gave Smith first aid and sent him to the rear. When Smith reached a Clearing Station a routine report was made to headquarters and Bill Smith officially came back to life.

Sometimes the German government reports through Geneva that an American flyer, who is a prisoner, reports certain of his comrades were killed. Uncle Sam takes that with a grain of salt: he knows that flyers misinform their captors if they belieave they can thereby help their comrades to escape. Not long ago two American flyers, who had been forced to take to their parachutes over occupied Europe, made their way back to England. Uncle Sam was doubly happy to get the news. He was glad they were alive, and glad he hadn't told their families they were "dead." That's the way he does things. His method of handling information of casualties is remarkably swift, accurate and complete. If Uncle Sam tells you, you can believe it.

the lieutenant has severed all connections with his former employers, and while he is a good man to know for many reasons, acquaintance with him holds no promise to relieve the impending drought. In fact, he starts from scratch, like the rest of us, in the race to provide against the hazards of a long winter.

Pending changes will probably take Lieut. Schneider away from us but he will always find a welcome on any return visits. The following is an excerpt from an "E" Flag Presenta-

tion Speech to the Seattle A.S.F. Depot, on July 29, made by

Major Walter L. Roche, War Bond Officer for the 9th Ser-

vice Command, in which Major Roche very ably expresses

the Federal Government are buying 75 Flying Fortresses

every month through the Payroll Savings Plan. If you could

actually see 75 Fortresses flying overhead every month on

their way to Germany and Japan, you could more fully ap-

presiate the significance of this united effort. At the same

time, you and your co-workers throughout the country are

investing 120 millions of dollars a year in your own future

The only place to get it is from the American people.

We are in total war. The government needs more money.

Many of you are fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, wives

or sweethearts of men in the armed forces. You have a con-

stant prayer on your lips-'Please, God-bring him back

best equipped soldier in the world. You are equipping him

yourself, by your war production work, your purchases of

War Bonds, your sacrifices at the home front. It will mean

much to you to know that you did your part to speed victory,

The chances are that he will come back safely! He's the

"You and your fellow-workers in the other departments of

the sentiments of most War Bond purchasers.

financial security.

safely."

Letterman Softballers Rack up Seven Shut-**Outs in Eight Games**

Four games played, four games won, and four opponents shut out! That's the record this week of the Letterman Softball team. The Medics really looked the part of champs in defeating G-1, Western Defense Command, 4th Army, and the Fort Mason aggregration in one-twothree order.

The Medics have played five games, and have only had one run scored against them, a record of which to be proud. Sharp hitting, alert fielding, and Scotty Ross on the mound seems to be the right combination for the locals, and with the exception of a little ragged base running, an assault on the league pennant looks inevitable.

The lineup and box scores:

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Ramos, ss		3	1	3	0	
Gaydos, sf		2	0	1	0	
Edmundsen, cf		2	1	0	0	
Christian, If	. 1	3	2	0	0	
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Pappas, 2b		3	0	0	0	
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Shepherd, p		3	1	0	1	
Wiegel, ss		3	2	0	0	
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Spackman, rf		3	0	1	0	
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Ross 5; off Vogelsong 3. Home runs:

Craig, Ramos.

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Sailor Seeks 'Ankle Watch'

Oakland, Cal. (CNS) — With Sailor Vic Hanson it's strictly business when he glances at the ankles of girls he passes in the street. Sailor Bill playfully fastened his wrist watch on his girl's ankle, then forgot to remove it. Later he forgot her name, what she looked like, too.

G.I.'s Tune Wins Prexy's OK Ft. Strong, Mass. (CNS) - Pvt. Lewis DeFonso of this Post has been commended by President Roosevelt for his song "I'll Be Sailing With My Brother." The tune was written by DeFonso for Irving Berlin's show, "This Is the Army.'

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Medal Men Meet In Letterman Patio To Receive Awards

Last Saturday afternoon, in the patio of Letterman Hospital, four medals-the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, and two Order of the Purple Heart medals-were conferred upon four patients by the hospital's Commanding General, Brigadier General Frank W. Weed. The citations for the four men, Sergeant Leonard E. Canavan, Medical Department, Sergeant Hugh P. Slimmer, Army Air Force, Private First Class Archie E. Leonard and Private Roy L. Smithson, Infantry, were read by Major R. Day, Pharmacy Corps, Adjutant.

A native of Seattle, Washington, Sgt. Canavan received the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action at Guadalcanal, 10 January, 1943, when without regard for his own personal safety he crawled over a hill which was being subjected to heavy Japanese gun fire, to rescue a wounded American soldier.

S/Sgt. Slimmer received the Legion of Merit medal for the part he played during the battle at Guadaleanal. Among the first group of soldiers to land at the island, he and the men under him were instrumental in preventing the air field which they had captured from the enemy from being retaken. S/Sgt. Slimmer's home is in Codell, Kansas.

For wounds received in action against the enemy at Buna, New Guinea, Pvt. Leonard and Pvt. Smithson received the Order of the Purple Heart medals.

Pvt. Leonard, who comes from Mountain View, Missouri, was wounded on December 5, 1942. Pvt. Smithson who claims Bowie, Texas as his home was wounded just ten days later at the same scene of operation.



GENERAL WEED

Expressing his congratulations to Sgt. Leonard E. Canavan, Med. Dept., after the award of the Silver Star for gallantry in action on Guadalcanal. Others decorated on the same occasion were Sgt. Hugh P. Slimmer, AAF., the Legion of Merit—at left of line—Pfc. Archie E. Leonard and Pvt. Roy L. Smithson—received the Purple Heart medal for wounds received in action at Buna, New Guinea.

-Photo courtesy S. F. Examiner

Gala Premiere of This Is The Army At Fox Theatre

"This is the Army," the motion picture produced by Warner Brothers at cost, will have it's premier on Wednesday evening, August 18th at the Fox Theater in San Francisco. All net profits earned by the motion picture will go to the the Army Emergency Relief, the Army's relief fund. The War Department is giving every proper assistance to Warner Brothers in the promotion of the premiers in such cities as they are held.

Among the high ranking Army officers who will see the premier will be Major General Kenyon Joyce, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah, who will fly to San Francisco to attend. General Joyce will be the guest of Colonel J. K. Portello, Deputy Chief of Staff, Forward Echelon, Ninth Service Command

Personnel returned from overseas theaters will be on hand for personal appearances to tell civilians of their experiences at the battle front, and explain the various advantages of Army Emergency Relief, and the many service men and women it has benefited.

Leland W. Cutler, chairman of the San Francisco Civilian Committee for the sale of reserved tickets, has announced that tickets for the first night performances are now on sale at the Fox Theater, or may be purchased from members of the Civilian Committee. Reserved seats will sell for one, five and ten dollars, the special higher prices in effect during the premier. Advance reports show the Civilian Committee has received tremendous response on the part of the public, and a huge turnout is expected to see Irving Berlin's great musical

MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ACQUIRE THEIR ART BY DOING

That a man learns best by doing is being proven every day at the Medical School of the Medical Enlisted Technicians School at Letterman Hospital where the actual work entailed on a medical ward has been simulated to provide the practical experience for the students of the school. Under the direction of the Commandant, Colonel Humphrey N. Ervin, M. C., and the Director of Training, Lieutenant Colonel George C. Shivers, M. C., three medical instructors, Majors Donald E. Casad, M. C., Thomas A. Broderick, M. C., and Captain Harry T. Haver, M. C. have devised a system of training for the new students of the school which dispels any doubt in their minds of whether the medical knowledge they acquired at school works when the actual test comes. They learn by doing.

The purpose of the school is to train medical department soldiers to efficiently care for sick and injured fellow soldiers and to aid where necessary in instructing other soldiers along medical lines; and to replace female nurses in the instances where the latter might not be present in sufficient numbers to properly care for casualties.

With this purpose in mind the types of students sent for training, ment. Equipment consists of one to enable students to utilize fully



ACTION

What instrument? How does it work? What is it used for? How do you hand it over? Maj. H. E. Casad, M. C. testing knowledge of student Pvt. Anthony Passamont, while students Pvt. James Pickens and Pvt. Fred Nicely prepare various commonly used trays.

The time available is eight weeks. school wardroom, two classrooms and who previous to induction have been Letterman General Hospital. laymen from various walks of life, Since the instructional period only school must adapt itself to the time many of whom have had little or amounts to about eight weeks, a high available for instruction and to the no interest in the Medical Depart- degree of organization is necessary

The students are mostly inductees various wards and departments in

their time and to receive the maximum amount of instruction. For this purpose training has been divided into three phases or periods, and during the first four weeks work is in the school proper.

The class, which is usually composed of from sixty to seventy-five students, is divided into two parts. the work being repeated for each half. This makes for duplication and an extra teaching burden for the instructors, but with the large classes this inconvenience is necessary to insure better individual in-

During the fourth and fifth weeks the students spend a half day in practical application of their previous three weeks' work. The fourth week being designated a Model Dispensary Week and the fifth week a Model Ward Week. During these weeks the school wardroom is cubicled into various sections and students divided in small groups of about four to six students. These groups are allowed to work together. This method of instruction is ideal as it allows for individual instruction to be carried out to an almost perfect degree, and gives the student an opportunity to perform the various procedures.

High lights in the work during (Continued on page three)



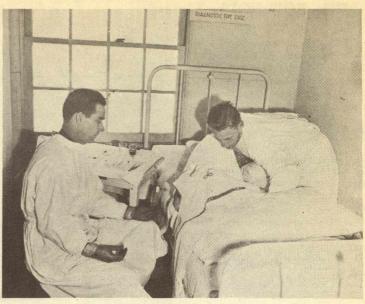
BLOOD PLASMA NUMBER ONE LIFE SAVER In World War II. Using the simplest of field set-ups, students are initiated into treatment of battle casualties. Capt. H. T. Haver fills out an emergency medical tag, while Pvts. Stuart Ludwig and Arthur Lehrfield perform procedure on casualty student Pvt. Kenneth Lott.



SOLUTION PREPARATION SECTION Combines the practical use of arithmetic, the use of well known hospital medical terms and gives each student of the class an opportunity to prepare simple common solutions. T/4th Gr. Melvin Oberdick instructs Pvt. Orville Cook and Pvt. Joseph Bennett.



TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE "HOSPITAL" Corridor teaches students methods of movement and protection from further harm. Various nursing procedures will be carried out on these student patients after they reach a



DIAGNOSTIC TYPE CASE IN MEDICAL WARD

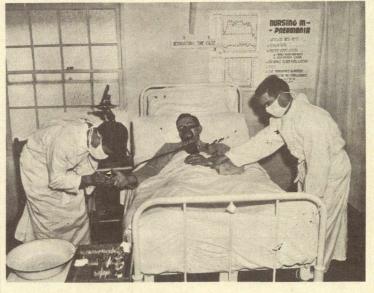
Major T. A. Broderick instructs students in proper manner in arranging and holding a patient for spinal puncture. Again how, and why, are stressed.

More About MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

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the Model Dispensary Week are the teaching of each student to set up and administer intravenous plasma to a model plaster arm; a chemical warfare section where students give emergency medical aid to simulated gas cases; a maintenance and instrument repair section where instruments are sharpened and rubber gloves repaired; a foot section where inspection of the feet is carried out and the care of the normal foot is stressed and instruction given in the prevention and care of such conditions as Trichophytosis (Athlete's foot), blisters, frost bite, and immersions foot.

During the Model Ward Week the students work in a model hospital set-up, which is divided into six units or sections, the first section being the Receiving and Disposition Office with its accompanying small dispensary, the second and third divisions being the surgical ward, the fourth the supply section, and the fifth and sixth the medical ward. Under supervision the students act in turn as admitting clerks, head medical attendants, assistant medical attendants, and patients. It is desired that the student carry ous



NURSING CARE IN A RESPIRATORY TYPE CASE Method of oxygen therapy is shown. Student patient as well as student attendant both learn by this method of instruction. Note laboratory student taking a blood count.

initiative, being given guidance and work is the most valuable of their advice where necessary by the en- entire training at the school. listed and officer instructors.

the various procedures on his own their opinion that the Model Ward staff,

The last remaining part of the This work is in the nature of training is conducted in the wards practical examination as well as and departments of Letterman Genbeing a preliminary to their work eral Hospital under personal direcin Letterman General Hospital tion of members of the staff, the proper. Students have been about work being closely observed and plete set of questions and anone hundred percent unanimous in followed by members of the school swers on ASTP by the War De-

The Inquiring Line

Q. Is the American theater ribbon worn for service in Panama? Are officers permitted to wear ribbons earned while they were enlisted men?

A. Yes to both questions. The American Theater ribbon is worn for service in the Western Hemisphere outside the continental limits of the U.S.A. The wearer must have been assigned to a unit stationed in that area, however. He can't wear the ribbon if he just passed through on a visit. This ribbon is blue with narrow red, white and blue stripes. German colors are on one end and Japanese colors on the other. Officers are permitted to wear any ribbons they earned as enlisted

Q. May application be made for the Army Specialized Training Program at a replacement

A. Yes. You may make your ASTP application through your CO at your replacement center. You won't be assigned to a school, however, until your basic training has been completed. You will go before an ASTP field selection board composed of officers of the post, similar to an OCS board. If you are qualified then you will be sent to a STAR unit and classified for participation in ASTP. You may get further information regarding ASTP through your Special Service officer, your chaplain or your CO, all of whom have been supplied with a compartment.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

CO-OPERATION WINS WARS

One of the important factors of a smooth running team is co-operation. No one can help knowing it. Successfull baseball managers, big business men, and Army generals all know that without it, nothing can be accomplished.

In the army, co-operation is essential and the word is stressed at all times. Co-operation and team work! What a combination! They cannot be beaten when put to use.

The past week, with the arrival of many new patients, found the men of Letterman General Hospital, equal to the task of co-operation. The smoothness, efficiency and the timeliness of the men who handled the removal of the patients was outstanding. Well organized groups of attendants, drivers, non-commissioned and commissioned officers were all in place. Crews went about their work swiftly and quietly at the proper time.

The entire movement was a fine demonstration of the U. S. Army Medical Dept. in operation and calls for commendation of the men who actively participated in it.

Co-operation! That's the byword that gets things done, the py-word to winning the war. Let us have co-operation at all times and we cannot fail in whatever we do.



Lieutenant Colonel Alma T. Skoog, Assistant Superintendent, ANC, of the Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah, has been a visitor at Letterman the past week. She is on a tour of inspection of all hospitals in the Bay area.

Colonel Skoog left August 10th for Hammond Hospital and was accompanied by Major Clara G. Washington, Principal Chief Nurse, Fort Ord, California. Both Colonel Skoog and Major Washington were formerly stationed at Letterman.

It is with regret that we say "goodbye" to 2nd Lieutenant Louise Parrott, the attractive, vivacious southern girl who has been stationed at Letterman for such a short time. She left on August 10th for duty at Hoff General, Santa Barbara, California.

MOVING PICTURES

Tuesday and Wednesday, AUGUST 17 and 18:

THE POWERS GIRL — George Murphy-Anne Shirley. Also Short Subjects.

Thursday and Friday, AUGUST 19 and 20:

CHINA GIRL — Gene Tierney-Robert Montgomery. Also Short Subjects and News.

Saturday and Sunday, AUGUST 21 and 22:

LADY BODYGUARD—Eddie Albert-Anne Shirley. Also Short Subjects and News.

Dependency Allotments Urged Before 'Going Over'

Newark, N. J. (CNS)—Soldiers have been urged to submit authorizations for allotments of pay before leaving the United States, according to Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, director of the Office of Dependency Benefits, here.

"Individual authorizations for allotments of pay may be made by radiogram from overseas, however they must be confirmed by the regular authorization form by mail," said Gen. Gilbert. "Army men are urged to submit their authorizations before leaving to avoid the delays incident to transmitting and processessing those sent in from overseas."



Pvt. John O'Shea getting the first cut on the birthday cake sent to Lieut. Mary Crean by the Chamber of Commerce of the old home town of Salem, Mass.

T/5th Gr. Patrick J. Sullivan moving off to Redlands on a furlough and quite happy to dodge the local fog. He is a native son, too.

Lieut. Donald Reynolds, recently of Attu, learning how to do things in the Occupational Therapy work room.

Mr. William Lyons and his aides helping to cart away supplies from the Carpenter Shop. Just moving it over the fence.

Sgt. Joseph Mayer establishing a reputation as a score keeper for the tournament in which our team came out on top.

Major Douglas S. Throwell, adjutant at Oakland, offering the "Ten Dollar" tour to Letterman callers. Worth seeing, too.

Sgt. John Mattison, who has the unusual distinction of being able to carry on conversations on three telephones at once.

The excellent newly-surfaced roads around the post. They add much to the beauty of Letterman.

Sgt. Luverne Boland hard at work waxing automobiles, and secretly wondering how they can get so dirty.

T/4th Gr. James McDavid solemnly announcing his recent engagement, and receiving all sorts of advice from his friends.

THE WHITE HOUSE, one of San Francisco's finest and centrally located department stores offers temporary, full, or part-time employment to Army Wives. Most of the openings are in selling departments. There are a few office, jobs.

Salaries vary, depending on the department and the number of hours worked, and experience is not necessary.

Apply at Employment Department, Third Floor, Monday thru Friday, 2 to 4 p.m., THE WHITE HOUSE, Sutter, Grant and Post Streets, San Francisco, California.

Letter Comes-From Mail Clerk

Camp Roberts, Cal. (CNS)— For weeks Pvt. Philip Ackad pestered his mail clerk for letters. Finally Ackad got one—from the mail clerk.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, August 8, 1943 In the Post Chapel: Catholic Services. Mass at 6:00 a. m. and 8:00 a. m. Confessions before all Masses.

Morning worship at 10:00 a.m. In the Post Theater:

Protestant Services.

Evening Song Service 6:00 p. m.

P. H. Cluster For Col. Nevin Catches Up With Him

Just another indication of the old adage "The Army Never Forgets" came to light last week when an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second award of the Purple Heart medal was presented to Lieut. Colonel Stanley M. Nevin, V. C., who is a patient at Letterman.

Just a matter of twenty-five years ago Colonel Nevin was wounded in the Argonne Forest in World War I and after receiving attention on the fieald he continued on duty. A little later he was wounded for the second time and evacuated for treatment. He got the Purple Heart about ten years ago for the second wound.

The cluster presented last week was for the first wound.

It does look complicated to have an officer received a cluster in lieu of a medal for a first wound and get a medal for the second wound but there is another war on and by the time the explanation is clear the colonel might be eligible for another deocration so perhaps we should suspend clarification until the war is won.

The Stork Was Here

TO: Pfc Emmet J. Foley and Mrs. Foley, a daughter, born August 5, 1943, name—Patricia Jeanne Foley; weight, six pounds twelve ounces.

TO: 1st Lieut. Archibald Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy, a son, born August 6, 1943, name—William Wickline Kennedy; weight, six pounds five ounces.

TO: Captain Evelle J. Younger and Mrs. Younger, a son, born August 8, 1943, name.—Eric Eberhard Younger; weight, seven pounds one and one-half ounces.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Private Warren Altman

Private Warren Altman who hails from Boston, Massachusetts, is our candidate for "Buck of the Week." He was born on January 30, 1918. in the city of San Francisco but spent his life, before entering the army, in Boston, Massachusetts. He attended Boston Latin School where he took an academic college preparatory course. He was also active in athletics, participating in both basketball and football games. He was a regular member of the football team which won the championship of the Boston high schools for two years straight. He also played years straight.

On March 4, 1941, he was drafter into the army and sent to Camp Edwards to take his basic training. He was attached to an infantry outfit as a Medic. In January, after a month of coastal patrol duty in Maine, he was shipped overseas to Australia with the first American contingent to land there.

After a short time he was sent with five hundred men to Caledonia. They remained for a short period before being sent toew Hebrides. At this point they set up a hospital, this outfit being the first of its type to move into these waters. Private Altman remained here for the following ten months working with one dotcor and nine other enlisted medics who handled all the first evacuation from the Solomon Islands, theirs being the only hospital near the field of action. He was then stationed at Guadalcanal, where he acted as company-aide-man during the final phases of the clean-up campaign of the Island. In February 1943, after weathering six attacks of malaria, he was evacuated to New Caledonia and thence to Letterman where he was treated and cured of this disease. He was then placed on duty in Ward M-2, where he is at the present time.

OUR OWN LEFTY O'DOUL REMINISCES ON THOSE GENTLEMEN OF JAPAN

By Sgt. Frank de Blois CNS Sports Correspondent

You've probably heard a good deal of gab about how the retention of Big League baseball is necessary for the preservation of American morale. A lot of people are sending up a lot of smoke on this subject all over the country.

Now, however, we've got a new angle. Lefty O'Doul, the man in the Kelly green suit, who used to bang baseballs off the right and left field walls at Ebbets Field and the Polo Grounds with amazing consistency, says that abandonment of baseball at this stage of the war would give the Japs a terrific boost in morale.

The man in the Kelly green suit may have something, at that. Anyhow, he should know what he's talking about. He played in Japan on barnstorming tours with American All Stars and had a chance to study the Jap baseball outlook first hand. Here's what he has to say:

"The Japs so envy us for our baseball prowess that to call off the game during the war would be a tonic to them. I think they would construe it to mean we were becoming panicky or something like that."

Lefty, who batted .352 for the Yankees, the Red Sox, the Giants, the Phils and the Dodgers during an 11-year Major League career, now is managing the San Francisco Seals, where he can keep an eye peeled on the Japs at all times. One eye is all he can peel, as a matter of fact, beause a couple of years ago an irate fan, who didn't like the way he was running the Seals, followed him into a downtown bar and grill and stuck a cocktail glass in Lefty's other glim.

The man in the Kelly green suit said the Japs are nuts about baseball but can't play it for schmaltz.

"Our teams used to give the Japs some terrible beatings," said Lefty. "Once we trimmed them 20 to 0 and we could have made it 40 to 0 if we hadn't become tired whaling that old tomato all over the lot. Of course, we had Al Simmons and Lou Gehrig and Mickey Cochrane and Bob Grove on our side."

We imagined that having Simmons, Gehrig, Cochrane and O'Doul punching the ball into the far corners of the out-field with Grove fogging them through on the mound

might have had something to do with the score, but Lefty was talking again.

"Yes, sir, they were supposed to be pretty good players but I couldn't see them at all. They couldn't touch Grove, of course, and I even fooled them myself one day with a couple of crooked arm curves that any Big Leaguer would have sent riding a mile. In all the time we spent in Japan I never saw a Jap player hit a single home run."

"They were hot on the squeeze, the old hit and run, drag bunts and business like that," Lefty recalled. "They had more signs for the squeeze than there are on the walls of the Ninth Avenue L."

During his tour of Japan with the other Big Leaguers, Lefty became a national idol. The Japs, puny hitters themselves, stood in awe of the tremendous wallop he gave the old horsehide. They followed him around in the street and aped his walk and his Kelly green suit, and when he left for the U.S.A., they gave him an eight foot bat as a tribute to his slugging powers.

Lefty still has the big bat although he never used it in a Big League game. They tell one story, however, which, if true, shows how Lefty put into practice some guile he might have picked up from the Japs.

The Giants were playing the Dodgers, it seems, and Lefty was playing left field for the Bums. With two out in the ninth, the score tied and a Brooklyn runner on third, the batter poked a hit into right. Mel Ott came in fast and burned the apple right back at the plate in an effort to catch the runner coming from third. Lefty O'Doul, who was standing on deck, stepped into Ott's throw and golfed it over the center field wall.

"So solly, please," said Lefty.

The man in the Kelly green suit denies having any part in this incident and no one else seems to remember it, either. But it's not a bad story at that.

Ninety-six cents out of every dollar goes for War expenditures.
The other four cents goes for Government expenses "as usual."

ON THE SPOT



Private Donald F. Kerins

Two weeks ago in the Fog Horn appeared the picture of a handsome soldier, beneath which ran a story on a Mr. Herman J. Frash, civilian. With due apologies to both, this story may clear up the mystery.

The soldier is Pvt. Donald F. Kerins, Infantry, one of the most popular patients in Ward N-1. His pleasant personality has made him a great favorite of nurses and attendants of that ward, and so he is "On the Spot" for this week's edition.

Pvt. Kerins hails from Cicero, Illinois, where he was born on September 27, 1924. He attended grade school and high school there, and enjoyed an athletic coreer, excelling in boxing, baseball and table tennis.

The old saw ""Go west, young man, go west" hit Kerins upon graduation from high school, and he made his way to Boulder Cyti, Nevada, where he accepted a position with the Manganese Ore Company, a large mining concern in that city.

On March 16, 1943, Uncle Sam decided he could use Kerins to a much better advantage than the mining company, and he was inducted into the Army, and was stationed at Camp Grant, California. While at Camp Grant he became ill, and was confined to Hoff General Hospital and later transferred to Letterman.

At present Pvt. Kerins is fortunate in having his parents from Cicero, Illinois, visiting him, and they plan on being with him some time, having made the long trip out to the coast recently.

When the war is won, Pvt. Kerins states that he is going back to Illinois and make Cicero his home town again.

MEDICAL DETACH

For the convenience of the government Privates John A. Derobertis, Pasquale J. Dragonetti and Cornelius F. Connelly were discharged from the service to enter civil life again. We wish them much success. Also good luck to Sgt. Martin W. Folzmann who was transferred to a new station during the week.

Welcome to T/4th Gr. Stanley E. Rice who joined the detachment during the week.

INTERESTING TO SEE:-

Pvt. John B. Thornton's proposed plans for his Rocket Ship to Mars. He says he thinks up those ideas while on nite duty, CQ.

The lively rooting section from the detachment giving the softball team moral support at the ball games.

T/5th Gr. Alvin Cheetham chasing an "H" car all over San Francisco trying to recover a forgotten package.

Sgt. August Piette wheeling about the post in a long, shiny black car, smoking a cigar to match.

S/Sgt. Henry Smith walking up the street with the inevitable bag of groceries.

Cpl. Leo Fogle busy holding down two jobs at once.

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz giving a tongue lashing to S/Sgt. Rudolph Schellhorn when he was late for the noon pinochle session.

1st Sgt. Calvin D. Williams and S/Sgt. Leonard Bell still tossing a coin to see who will buy the noon cup of coffee. Tsk! Tsk!

Sgt. Lou Slott back from furlough and still claiming that Los Angeles is the only town in which to live.

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein excused from the War Bond article for one week and hoping the absence of the article will make "someone" Bond conscious.

M/Sgt. Fred C. Jacobs burning too much night oil "in the line of duty" without enough time off for relaxation.

Sgt. Jay Connell keeping busy in the machine shop since his transfer from the Q.M.C.

Sgt. Edward Blythin still buying coffee for the same young lady from the Administration Building.

PROMPTLY PAID PATIENTS PLEASED WITH PAYING PROCESS AT PERSONNEL



MRS. HELEN GIVINER

Civilian in charge, Unit Personnel Office

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Mrs. Helen Giviner, charming and vivacious personality in charge of the Unit Personnel office here at Letterman Hospital, sees to it that the patients get paid! Now that facilities for paying patients newly-arrived from overseas has been greatly improved, Mrs. Giviner spends her days paying patients with a vengeance. She refers to the redsuited patients as "My boys" and looks after them as if they really

Mrs. Giviner would rather be busy working in her office than doing anything else, and consequently spends seven days a week making sure that all patients' assets are in a liquid ocndition. Her pleasant disposition and earnest efforts make her a great favorite with all who come in contact with her.

Being in charge of a busy office of fourteen people is a large task, and time for recreation is limited, but Mrs. Giviner still finds a little time for swimming and horseback riding, her two favorite pastimes. * * *

Upon her desk sits a picture of a handsome young man in Navy uniform. The young man is her twenty-year old son, Aviation Machinist's Mate Edward Giviner, who at present is on duty with the fleet somewhere "down under." She also has a sixteen year old daughter, Ernestine, who lives at home here with her mother in San Francisco.

Mrs. Helen Giviner was born in Glendive, Montana, and lived there for fifteen years. She confesses that the town of Glendive is merely a wide place in the road. She moved with her family to Salt Lake City, Utah, where she completed her high school education. She was married in that city, and lived there uutil 1925, when she moved to San Francisco, and has called this her home town ever since.

She first came to work at Letterman General Hospital on April Fool's Day, 1942, a most unusual date to begin a new job, but after eighteen months in the Hospital Unit Personnel Office Mrs. Giviner says she hasn't been fooled yet!

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Lt. Col. George C. Shivers and Major Thomas A. Broderick are back now from a temporary tour of detached service. Both officers reported having a grand trip but stated emphatically there's nothing like the good "Ole Presidio."

Three members of the school detachment to be elevated from Technicians 5th Grade to Technicians 4th Grade this week were Irving Halman, Melvin L. W. Oberdick, and Paul W. Baran. These men have not seen much service but have proven worthy of their promotions. So, congratulations and best of luck!

Pvt. James W. Roberts, former surgical student from this school, has been retained by this organization as part of the regular training personnel. Pvt. Roberts hails from Oakland, California ,and says he's happy at the prospect of being stationed so close to home.

Word has been received that 2nd Lieut. Delmar E. Carlson, Corps of Engineers, is now stationed with the 1134th Combat Group at Camp Maxey, Texas. The Lieutenant, a former instructor at the school, states he is really in the Army now.

1st Sgt. Harvey W. Hablitzel, S/Sgt. Wendell K. Waite, and S/Sgt. Francis L. Rowlands, are among some of the enlisted men to return from detached service. While on detached service they were fortunate enough to spend a few days at their homes—Long Lake, Wisconsin; Mulhall, Oklahoma; and Syracuse, New York, respectively.

It seems that our "Immortal Corporal" Pezzella is following in the footsteps of T/4th Gr. Eugene Beals. The Cpl. has just finished being thoroughly tanned—in fact, a little too much!

The daily drill period between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. has shown a decided improvement ever since 1st Lieut. Jack D. Burnett has been placed in charge of brushing up on some of the defects and discrepancies of the enlisted instructors and their men. Credit must also be given to S/Sgt. Benjamin T. Shedoudy and T/4th Gr. Eugene Beals who see that the Lieutenant's orders are carried out.

The emphasis that is being placed on specific training in the organization is bearing fruit. The litter squads are really something-there is zest and genuine smartness that goes with individuals that actually enjoy doing a job well, that permeates each squad. The keen competition to excel is making crack units out of men who, under ordiary circumstances, would have taken their jobs as a matter of course. Discipline, a sound and well-rounded program, plus a keen knowledge of psychology, is really paying off dividends.

The students of Issac Walton, Sgts. George Austin, Willie Reed, Elmore Anderson and George Hill will have some competition from a new quarter-Both Lieutenants George Merrick and Charles Wilson seem to enjoy a tussle with the finny tribe. Pvt. Richard H. Winn, who started all this fishing business, is still buying new tackle and waiting for the big ones to bite. (The company is beginning to wonder if he is a real fisherman, or if he wanted to start a new fad.)

There is a certain something in the posture and bearing of the following men: Pvt. Montel Wilson, Cpl. Theodore Bartlett, Pvt. Emmett Jones, Cpl. Cecil Brown and Pvt. Walter McCullough. In the case of the two B's (Bartlett and Brown) we know that they were recently promoted to Corporals, but the three Privates have us completely stumped. (We wonder if matrimony has anything to do with their attitudes?)

Pvt. Oswald Talbot, a quiet and unassuming soldier, is becoming quite a gardener and landscaper. One of his duties is to keep the company lawns and flowers in good trim and under the expert guidance of S/Sgt. Willie Reed he is fast becoming adept.

Knowledge and long training is required of any individual to give definite advice on any given subject. We are wondering if a fount of knowledge has been overlooked in not recognizing the genius of such eral Mess.

WELL-KNOWN VETERAN SUPPLY SGT. DIES SUDDENLY AT LETTERMAN



HORACE C. FERGUSON Technical Sergeant, Medical Department June 1, 1919 to August 8, 1943

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guson, a member of the Medical Detachment of this hospital, died suddenly on Sunday afternoon August 8, 1943, as a result of a heart ailment.

Sergeant Ferguson was born November 6, 1899, in Neosho, Missouri, a farming center, where he lived the first nineteen years of his life. He always regretted that he was unable to return to Neosho but his enlistment in the Army at Wichita, Kansas, in 1919, prevented his doing so. At the termination of the last World War Sergeant Ferguson began his Army career by enlisting for duty overseas. He arrived in France June 1, 1919, where he remained until September 1919, when he was transferred to Germany as a part of the Army of Occupation. Here he remained as a member of the Guard Unit until December 1921, when he was sent to Camp Lee, Maryland, for discharge.

Following his discharge at Camp Lee, Sergeant Ferguson returned to civil life and decided to settle down. This he did by traveling all over the southwest while working in the oil stalwarts as T/4 Manuel Gonzales, fields. His employment in the oil Pvt. William Farina, T/4 Joe Willer fields took him chiefly as a drill and Pvts. Johnson and Winn of Gen- dresser or member of a casing crew and lasted until 1926. At this time eulogy.

Technical Sergeant Horace C. Fer- | a desire for more foreign duty became strong and he responded by enlisting for duty with the 15th Infantry at Fort McArthur and was sent to China. He served in China until 1929 and then re-enlisted in the Medics this time and was assigned to Letterman General Hospital for duty on July 19, 1929. Sergeant Ferguson was the Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of the Detachment Supply at his death.

> Funeral services were held at the graveside in the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno on Wednesday, August 11, 1943, with Chaplain Lester L. McCammon ofriciating, and the following named members of the detachment acting as pall bearers under the direction of Captain Lemuel R. Williams, detachment commander; M/Sgt. Frank Theodore O'Brien, M/Sgt. Schmierer, M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz, 1st Sgt. Calvin D. Williams, T/Sgt. Vaughn G. Yeomans, T/Sgt. William C. Muhic, T/Sgt. William T. Rodgers.

Sergeant Ferguson had a high reputation as an indefatigable worker and his untimely end leaves a gap in the ranks of his fellow soldiers which is keenly felt. He left a host of friends among officers and enlisted men alike, and the memory they hold of Sergeant Ferguson will endure longer than any written

This Is The Man **Behind The Man Behind The Camera**



ARTHUR SHIPMAN Private, Signal Corps * * *

"They also serve who stand and wait." Well may this be applied to the many workers in the Photo Lab who are not cameramen in the field of action, but are vital in producing fine results in photography. Such a person is Private Arthur Shipman.

"Shipey" is the chief printer of the Signal Corps Photo Laboratory. His job entails expert dark-room technique as well as responsibility of supervising associated detail. His superior knowledge is the result of several years experience in the motion picture industry. Starting as an usher in the Paramount Theatre, Los Angeles, Shipman became interested in photography. He later went to work for 20th Century Fox Studios, in 1930, where his first duties were general office work and judging prints. This led to printing room work, the specialized field in which he remained until his induction into the Army in November, 1942. As many as three thousand prints a day were turned out under Shipey's supervision.

He is well known among outstanding movie stars, some of them being Cesaer Romero, Betty Grable, Carmen Miranda, Tyronne Power, Claire Trevor and Warner Baxter.

He likes taking pictures; as a matter of fact, his hobby is shooting portraits and landscapes. So successful has he been as a motion picture technician that his former employers have requested his services after the war; and Shipey looks forward to the time when he returns to the studio, for he says, "That is home, sweet home."

THIRD CHAMPIONSHIP COMES TO SOFT BALL TEAM IN TWO YEARS



LETTERMAN SOFT BALL TEAM

Standing, L to R: S/Sgt. Merle C. West, Manager; Pvt. Earle Donovan, T/4th Gr. Silas "Jack" Craig, Pvt. Scott Ross, Pvt. Albert Giovannetti, T/5th Gr. George Leyrer, 2nd Lieutenant Hubert L. Missildine, MAC., Special Service Of-

ficer. Sitting, L to R: Sgt. Adolph Gaydos, Sgt. Robert Bement, Pvt. Harold Christian, Pvt. William Smith, Pvt. Joe Ketner, Pvt. Donald Clark.

Letterman Softball **Team Wins The Coca** Cola Trophy

Heartened by the absence of the manager and master-minder, the Letterman team of softball tossers went on to win the tournament and trophy donated by the Coca Cola Company.

The tournament was arranged and played under the supervision of Captain Walter R. Hockett, Special Services Officer for the Presidio of San Francisco, with all but three of the eighteen contending teams being garrisoned in the Presidio.

Letterman defeated Machine Records Unit 94 in two out of three games to win the semi-finals and medics scored four runs later.

Adjustant General's Office in the final game for the trophy and the championship of the area.

The championship contest was played on Monday evening on the Presidio diamond where a small but enthusiastic crowd of rooters for both sides added plenty of noise to the swirling sands prevailing at the time.

For two innings it looked as though a small score was indicated but when Harold Christian connected with a home run drive with one man on in the last half of the second, it was the beginning of the end. Seven runs were scored in that inning by Letterman and from there on it was merely a matter of playing out the game, although the

lent form and should be credited in a large measure for the trophy which came to Letterman.

Box scores are: LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL-

	Ab	. R.	H	0.	A.	
Giovenetti, 3b	. 4	3	3	1	3	
Craig, sf	. 4	3	1	1	0	
Gaydos, 2b	. 4	1	3	5	1	
Leyrer, 2b	. 2	1	0	2	0	
Ramos, ss	. 3	0	0	1	2	
Smith, If	. 3	0	0	1	0	
Ketner, 1b	. 2	0	0	10	0	
Clark, cf	. 2	1	0	0	1	
Christian, rf	. 3	1	1	0	0	
Ross, p	. 2	1	1	0	4	
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Total	29	11	9	21	11	
AG, RECORDS, 4TH ARMY—						

Holland, cf	2	0	0	1	1
Driscoll, ss	2	0	1	1	1
Schwab, sf	3	0	0	1	. 0
Czubiak, lf	3	0	1	0	5
Celmo, If	3	1	1	3	0
Ward, c	2	0	1	3	0
Pan, p	3	0	0	0	2
Neuman, 1b	3	0	1	7	0
McAndrews, rf	2	0	0	1	0
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Total	25	2	5	18	10

Errors: Ward, Celmo, Czubiak (2), McAndrews, Smith (1). Left on bases: Letterman 3, AG Records 6. Bases on balls: Ross 6, Pan 6. Struck out by: Ross 4, Pan 2. Three base hits: Neuman. Home runs: Christian. Stolen bases: Giovenetti, Clark, and Driscoll. Substitutions: Bement for Ab. R. H. O. A. Christian, Missildine for Craig.